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Baths to get £1m revamp in plans

WALSALL Gala Baths will get a £1 million makeover under revived ambitious plans. The borough council wants to invest in the town centre baths despite having to make millions of savings in the next year.

Fir plans are now being drawn up to include a changing area, sauna room, extended fitness suite and pool improvements. The prospect of transforming the outdated Tower Street site, more 50 years old, was first raised last year.

But the former Conservative-led council then revealed it was looking at the option of replacing the Gala Baths and creating a new swimming pool, and multi-storey car park complex. However, with the Labour group now in control, the building is set to be maintained and given a £1m spruce-up in the 2015/16 budget.

Leisure chief Councillor Khizar Hussain said: "The refurbishment of Gala Baths has been included in the draft budget capital programme to reflect the council's earlier commitment to consider an investment of around £1m to extend the life of this town centre facility. It will complement the recent decision to reconstruct Bloxwich and Oak Park leisure centres."

Village loos may be shut

PUBLIC toilets in Pelsall will be closed to save £12,000 under plans revealed by the council.

The council facilities in the old library are currently open from 7.30am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. The authority says there are toilets in the nearby Pelsall Village Centre.

A report to the council, led by Councillor Sean Coughlan, states: "There will be minimal to no impact in light of availability of toilets at the Pelsall Village Centre which is open for longer than the old library." It emerged last week that

COUNCIL FIGHTS VERMIN THREAT

ENVIRONMENTAL health officers in Walsall have issued over 450 enforcement notices over the last four years in the battle against waste which it is feared may attract vermin.

A total of 455 instances have been cited with residents and businesses ordered to clear away accumulations of rubbish on land across the borough.

by Craig Hughes

an average of 100 extra cases of fly-tipping each month were recorded in Walsall during the last year, although the number of cases of littering fell.

Problems with piles of rubbish being dumped across parts of the borough over the last two years.

In 2012/13 there was an average of 172 fly tipping incidents per month which increased to 282 during the last year. However, during the same time period the average amount of cases of litter in a month dropped from 111 to 88.

Cameras to capture fly-tipping have already been introduced by Walsall Council as part of measures to tackle the issue.

Council bosses, who launched a £100 reward scheme for information leading to prosecutions, revealed earlier this year it had cost £206,311 to deal with such dumped rubbish over a 12-month period.

Authorities across the country are being asked to take part in a parliamentary inquiry into litter and fly-tipping by the Communities and Local Government Select Committee. This is to get evidence about how big a problem it is and to assess whether current policies are sufficient.

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Cameron in tribute as MP set to retire

PRIME Minister David Cameron has paid tribute this week to veteran Aldridge-Brownhills MP Sir Richard Shepherd, who has announced he is standing down at the next election.

The 71-year-old said the change to bring in fixed five-year Parliaments had made him consider how he would be 77 by the time he finished another full term. He was elected to the constituency in 1979, in the election that brought Margaret Thatcher to power, and has held the seat ever since.

Sir Richard was knighted last year but is known as one of the Tories' most rebellious MPs – something that once saw him stripped of the Tory whip in the 1990s for his stance on the European Union.

Official figures say he has voted against his own party more than one in 10 times.

Mr Cameron said: "Richard Shepherd has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in Westminster, providing a strong voice for his constituents in Aldridge-Brownhills for three and a half decades. I was delighted when Richard was honoured for his long-standing public service last year and wish him the very best for a happy and well-deserved retirement."

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Brave Margot loses battle

INSPIRATIONAL young star Margot Martini has lost her brave battle with leukaemia. The two-year-old was first diagnosed a year ago and her family's campaign to raise awareness of her illness touched the hearts of millions.

Tributes have poured in with more than 1,000 messages left on the Team Margot Facebook page.

Her parents said she died peacefully at home on Monday, surrounded by those who loved her.

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Plane paintings take off for centenary



Local artist Ian Edwards with his painting of WWI planes at Bloxwich Library



Ian's great uncle Private Ernest

PAINTINGS of First World War planes have gone on display at a library in Walsall to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

The artwork, by self-taught artist Ian Edwards, aged 50, of Minewood Close, Bloxwich, who works in the aerospace industry, is being displayed at Bloxwich Library until November 14.

Nine acrylic paintings of planes depicting the Royal Flying Corps before, during and after the war have been included in the exhibition.

One of the paintings shows a Sopwith Camel British biplane in combat with a Fokker triplane over the Western Front in 1914.

Mr Edwards, whose great uncle, Private Ernest Merry from the King's Royal Rifle Corps died in the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, aged 21, said: "I have an interest in aviation and have been painting for years.

"I have done various exhibitions around the Midlands."

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Tories need to act as MP steps down



THE decision of veteran Conservative MP Sir Richard Shepherd to stand down leaves his party facing a race against time to find a new candidate.

The Aldridge-Brownhills MP is the third Tory in the Black Country and Staffordshire to announce he will not be contesting his seat in the General Election next May.

The Conservatives are already trying to find someone to replace Chris Kelly as candidate in Dudley South after the Eurosceptic MP decided he would only serve a single term.

In Aldridge-Brownhills, the party will need to have a new candidate in place quickly to get on the campaign trail and build support.

Sir Richard said the decision

by the coalition government to bring in fixed term, five-year Parliaments had made him consider his age. He will be 77 by the 2020 General Election.

Sir Richard said: "I was always against fixed-term Parliaments because it deprives people of the vote in the case of a Government collapsing, when normally another election would take place. It's an unusually long time for a Parliament to last."

In a letter to his Conservative association, Sir Richard said: "I cannot express adequately my gratitude to you and all of the officers and members of the Aldridge-Brownhills Conservative Association, both past and present, for the support and confidence given to me over so many years."

Tips may shut on two days in cutbacks move

TIPS in Walsall will be shut two days a week to save nearly £100,000, it has emerged.

The sites in Fryers Road, Bloxwich and Merchants Way, Aldridge, face a cut in their opening hours despite council bosses revealing plans to make bin collections fortnightly instead of weekly in a move which they say could increase demand at the tips.

Both sites are currently open six days a week, and from 8am to 7pm on one of those days. But under the new plans, they will only open 9am to 5pm, with the Bloxwich facility closing on Thursday and Friday, and Aldridge on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A report to the council states that switching the bin collections to once a fortnight is likely to have an impact on demand at the tips. It goes on to state: "Although the opening hours and number of days are reduced, residents will still have access to a household waste recycling centre every day of the week and both sites will remain open at weekends."

It adds: "This service affects all residents in the borough. The council has a statutory duty to provide a Household Waste Recycling Centre for residents. Only the opening hours will change; the nature of the service will not change. Residents will be able to dispose and recycle the same type of materials as they do now. It is likely that queuing times at the site, particularly at weekends, will be longer."

Changes will also see opening hours drop from 113 during the summer, to just 80 all year round. In summer, the Bloxwich site is open from 8am to 7pm on Wednesdays while Aldridge opens 8pm to 6pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The plans aim to increase the proportion of pupils in the borough who attend 'good or better schools' by 10 per cent in 2014-15 and by a further five per cent in 2015-16.

Lynda Poole, assistant director for access and achievement, said 32 school governors had been recruited and active recruitment would continue.

It comes as the council has unveiled its controversial masterplan to save £86 million from its budget over the next four years

Monster carving by artist



Creature feature — Simon Patel from Walsall with his spooky wooden carving

IT took 40 hours to create and is sure to send a chill up spines this Halloween. This creepy looking wooden carving of Frankenstein's monster has been created by talented artist Simon Patel from Walsall.

It's a lot harder to carve things out of wood compared to pumpkins as you'd imagine."

Mr Patel started off with a log and used a chainsaw to create the basic shape. Then he used a micro carver tool to add depth to the carving. A Dremel tool is used for the detail and hand sanding is done to smooth down any bumps. The finishing touch is a coat of varnish.

Mr Patel, of Primley Avenue, has sold his latest carving to Eerie Ink tattoo parlour in Walsall where it will go on display.

Firm gears up for a new £5.4m contract

AN engineering business has won a new contract that will be worth £5.3 million over the next four years.

Chamberlin's contract to supply turbo charger bearing housings for diesel engines in cars starts in January. They will be made at the light castings foundry at its Chuckery Road site in Walsall. It is expected to contribute revenue of £1.27m in the first year.

Kevin Nolan, chief executive of Chamberlin, said: "I am delighted to announce this major contract win. It demonstrates the foundry's ability to compete on a truly global footprint in its specialisation – the design of small castings with complex internal passages produced in high volumes."

He said the contract with a leading European automotive industry components and parts supplier would not mean any immediate increase in the size of the workforce at Walsall but would secure work.

The group employs more than 400 across the Chamberlin and Hill sites in Walsall and Leicestershire; Russell Ductile Castings, Scunthorpe, and engineering businesses Exidor, Cannock, and Petrel, Birmingham.

Bus company take on route

A BUS service that was funded by a councillor is being taken on by a transport firm for a trial run.

Walsall Councillor Richard Worrall sponsored the 35A route between Walsall town centre, Rushall, and Aldridge on Sunday evenings. Now Arriva Midlands has agreed to fund the service but warns it could withdraw it if not enough people use it.

Councillor Worrall said: "I feel they have done me and my constituents a big favour, and the key message stays the same — use it or lose it."

Route revamp

A MAIN route in Walsall has closed for 13 months as part of a multi-million pound revamp of the road network. Bentley Mill Way is being widened and traffic lights are operating near to the James Bridge Aqueduct. Drivers are warned of diversions.

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Takeaway shut over hygiene problems

A RESTAURANT and takeaway found swarming with flies and rat droppings has become the fourth business in a fortnight to be closed by environmental health officers in Walsall town centre.

Chipmasters in Lower Hall Lane was issued with a hygiene emergency prohibition notice and was closed on Friday. Council officers say they found a large number of flies throughout the shop crawling over food preparation surfaces, equipment and crockery including mugs and plates used by customers.

Walsall's community and leisure chief Councillor Khizar Hussain said: "This is the fourth business to be closed by environmental health officers in the space of a fortnight and once again shows we will not tolerate sub-standard conditions which pose a serious health risk to the public."

"Although there was evidence of rats present I understand the insanitary conditions by themselves were a serious cause for concern. This gives out a clear message that we will not hesitate to close a business on the grounds of cleanliness alone where warranted."

Society art in the frame

THE Walsall Society of Artists has opened its 65th annual exhibition featuring a variety of work by its members.

More than 180 paintings and drawings, together with 3D artwork by some 78 artists, are on show on the fourth floor of the New Art Gallery, Walsall. The exhibition, open until November 30, includes oil paintings, and various other art media.

Paintings and artworks by members will be available for sale and on each Saturday WSA artists will be on hand to talk about their methods.

Police survey bid

PEOPLE have until tomorrow to have their say on police priorities in the Black Country for the coming year. The Local Police and Crime Boards are consulting on plans and want help from the public. The survey is at the www.snapsurveys.com/wch/s.asp link

Hospital hit by 48,000 patient no-shows

ALMOST 50,000 appointments were missed by patients in just 12 months, say bosses at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Thousands of outpatients failed to turn up at the hospital and sessions at community clinics wasted millions of pounds.

Hospital chiefs have admitted though that some of those who didn't arrive hadn't been able to get through on an outpatients appointment line to cancel.

Ian Baines, director of finance and performance at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

said: "It is always frustrating when patients do not arrive for their scheduled appointments. Obviously, this does have financial implications for the trust but more importantly, the appointment could have been used by another patient, had notice of cancellation been given."

"However, we are also aware that patients have been experiencing problems getting through on our outpatients appointments line and we are currently working hard to fix this."

Bosses couldn't provide a breakdown of the money wasted but say for those appointments with a consultant the cost of a missed session can range from £167 to £253 a go.

In total 48,202 didn't attend their scheduled visits. The missed appointments included sessions such as seeing a consultant or physiotherapist. The highest cost for a missed consultant appointment is £253 for geriatric medicine, and the lowest is £104 in dermatology.

The trust which has targeted savings of

£10.7 million this year has already racked up a deficit of more than £4m.

It has been struggling to deal with increasing number of patients, with more people coming from Staffordshire.

It was recently fined £120,000 because patients had not been seen quickly enough.

The trust was told to pay the cash for failing to meet its four hour target between July and September this year. A total of 88 per cent of patients were seen within four hours or less between July and September.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Care issues are brought to fore

COUNCILLORS have spoken to young people leaving care in Walsall about their experiences – and said it was 'eye-opening'.

Members of a panel set up by the council wanted to find out what their concerns are. Councillor Eddie Hughes, scrutiny panel chair, said: "I know that I speak for all members involved on the working group when I say that we found the experience eye opening."

"It was very powerful to speak to the care leavers themselves and hear about their concerns and the sometimes quite grown up issues they have to face."

Church to mark war centenary

A WEEKEND of events will be held at a church in Walsall to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

On November 8 and 9, St Gabriel's Church in Walstead Road will display sculptures made of paper by pupils at Joseph Leckie Academy.

At 10am on November 8 there will also be a dedication of the memorial garden, and the following day at same time a service of Remembrance will be held.

The weekend will culminate in performances of poetry, music and stories at 4pm.

Block makeover wins top award

A MULTI-million pound makeover of a tower block in the Black Country has received a national award.

Walsall Housing Group spent around £3 million on an eco-friendly renovation of the 65-home block at Austin House.

The building in Lower Forster Street is heated by a ground-source heat pump and the housing group received an award for retrofit project of the year at the Sustainable Housing Awards in London.

Kitchen firm in move to new site

A FAMILY-owned kitchen firm based in Bloxwich has moved to bigger premises to cope with demand from customers. Amber Kitchens has relocated its showroom to a larger site in High Street, with the creation of one new job.

The firm that supplies kitchen, bedroom and bathroom furniture was set up in 2010 by Stuart Tunnicliffe. He said: "Since opening the company has gone from strength to strength."

Margot, the face of hope in a rollercoaster battle

Library closure plans spark protest



Campaigners show their feelings over the possible closure of Pheasey Library at the Collingswood Centre

A CAMPAIGN to save a Walsall library that is to close as part of budget savings has attracted more than 1,000 hits on social media.

Residents in Pheasey are up in arms after council chiefs revealed it is among eight communities where a van will operate instead.

Walsall Council wants to make savings of £29 million next year, with 487 jobs set to be axed. A further £57m will be cut over the following three years.

Pheasey Library based at the Collingwood Centre, in Collingwood Drive, is among the services earmarked to close along with 12 chil-

dren's centres, and Walsall Museum in Lichfield Street. In addition to setting up a Facebook page to vent their feelings campaigners have launched a petition.

Councillors have also held a meeting with library users to discuss the closure move and campaigners have visited the site to show their concern about the proposals.

Ward representative Councillor Chris Towe said: "We are shattered by the decision taken to close the facility.

It is extremely popular and well-used.

It is one of the libraries that are furthest away from Walsall town centre.

People will have to travel to get to the

nearest library building in Aldridge. Ours is vibrant with reading groups and lots of children come in to do their homework. The Save Pheasey Library Facebook page has so far attracted about 1,000 hits."

Under plans five libraries will shut next year, including Beechdale, Pheasey, South Walsall, Streetly and Walsall Wood. Three others in Blakelaw, New Invention and Rushall will close the following year.

The move will save the authority £565,722 to £385,092 in 2015/2016 and £180,630 in 2016/2017. Other cost cutting measures include bin collections becoming fortnightly.

IF her big brown eyes and swirling red curls didn't steal your heart, then you had no chance of withstanding her infectious smile.

Margot Martini, whose mother Vicki hails from Essington, touched the lives of millions as the princess fighting the odds against leukaemia with the army of Team Margot behind her. But little Margot's rollercoaster battle with the disease came to an end on Monday at 10.24am.

On the Team Margot website her parents broke the heartbreaking news which followed her relapse in June.

More than a thousand people took to the Team Margot Facebook page to pay tribute to the flame-haired tot and express their sadness and support to the Martini family.

"Inspiring", "little angel" and "brave" were just some of the words to describe Margot.

On Twitter, where the @Swab4Margot campaign had been vocal, hundreds of supporters tweeted #RIPMargot as it emerged the courageous youngster had lost her battle.

In an effort to continue the campaign they posted links to www.deleteblood-cancer.org.uk

The family had posted on Sunday that they were taking things "hour by hour", revealing the two-year-old's condition had "deteriorated significantly".

It said: "It's an extremely difficult time for Margot and for all the family."

"The only thing we can now do is continue to monitor her constantly changing condition and try and keep her comfortable."

"Margot has been asleep all day and she continues to sleep peacefully. Mercifully, for now at least the drugs appear to be working."

Her parents also said nothing more could be done to save the toddler and that



Courage – Margot Martini

she was "beyond rescue" earlier this month.

It had so nearly been a story of dreams for Margot who sparked a world-wide campaign to help give her the precious gift of life. She was diagnosed with both acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) and acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) when she was just 14 months old.

Doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital have seen just three times cases like it in the past decade but her parents never gave up hope.

Through their despair they appealed for help, for donors to step forward as they showed amazing bravery to go public in an ambitious hunt to find a perfect stem cell match.

An online appeal was started to raise awareness of Margot's plight. An online video was seen by more than 60,000 people, while Facebook group Team Margot attracted more than 17,000 followers.

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DIP into the chopped walnuts to coat completely then stand on the baking sheet" (From a Sunday Times recipe). I fell off.

A STUDY in China suggests that babies born from frozen embryos are more sociable than those conceived naturally. Is it mere coincidence that Eskimos are famed for their hospitality?

TOLD you so. Five months ago I wrote that the figure of 888,246 ceramic poppies planted at the Tower of London, to be sold for service charities, was too small and that "everyone who wants a ceramic poppy should be able to buy one." The alternative, I suggested was "a limited edition creating an artificial shortage and being sold online for obscene profits." Sure enough, all 888,246 poppies – one for every British warrior killed in the First World War – have now been snapped up. Thousands of folk will be disappointed. Watch out for the profiteering to begin.

SCIENTISTS in San Diego did a sneaky thing. They questioned elderly folk about how much booze they consumed in a week – and then checked the answers against the empty bottles in their bins. You will not be surprised to learn that the number of empties was more than the old 'uns admitted to. It is high time another group of scientists examined the phenomenon noticed by so many of us. If you leave empty bottles in a bin for more than a few days, they start breeding.

RESEARCHERS in the US city of Boston claim a pint of beer a day may improve a man's fertility. But don't overdo it. As Shakespeare warned us, long before Boston was even founded, alcohol "provokes the desire but takes away the performance."



IF you wanted to make a new Dad's Army movie, no-one could hope for a better cast than Tom Courtenay, Michael Gambon, Blake Harrison and the others now assembled on the set at Buntington. The real question is why anyone would want to make a new Dad's Army movie when the original (1971) is perfect.

A REPORT on the BBC website tells us something about the connection between so-called bush meat and the Ebola virus. Experts believe there is a risk of the contagion being passed in the meat of bats, gorillas, chimpanzees and other African delicacies. So how does this affect us? To see the other half of the story, you have to dig out a BBC undercover report from 2012 which found "shocking" quantities of illegal and "potentially unsafe" meat being sold to the public in London. Or you could talk to experts like the wildlife charity Born Free which estimates that 7,500 tons of bush-meat products enters Britain every year, most of it in the suitcases of travellers from Africa. More than half of the illegal meat is distributed through wholesalers or sold at local street markets. So as you are reading this there's a good chance that someone, somewhere in Britain is sitting down to a meal of African ape or fruit bat – containing God knows what.

WHAT'S up, Doc? Christmas come early? The plan, announced yesterday, to pay GPs £55 for every case of dementia they diagnose is wide open to abuse. When some senior GPs warn that it may lead to patients being wrongly diagnosed, what they are actually saying is that they don't trust some of their colleagues. So can we at least insist on one tiny check? If some doctors are found to be diagnosing far more dementia than other practices, let's send in HM Revenue & Customs to have a good close look at their financial affairs. We'd be mad not to.

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Jail for spurned lover who burgled ex

A MAN who broke into his ex-girlfriend's home three times, assaulting her and leaving graffiti on her bedroom wall, has been jailed for 40 months. Recorder Miss Abigail Nixon described James Humpage as 'a mean and cowardly' man who 'deliberately' terrified his victim.

Humpage, aged 24, of Teddesley, Walsall, pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary, one charge

of common assault, and a further charge of burglary with intent to cause unlawful damage when he appeared before Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Robert Edwards, prosecuting, said when his victim wanted to end their relationship Humpage seemed unable to accept it. He said in June this year the woman returned to her home in Walsall to find a window

had been smashed. Humpage was arrested, and told police he considered himself to still be in a relationship with her, said Mr Edwards.

The court was told that the following month the woman returned home one day to be confronted by Humpage demanding to know who 'Lee' was. "The defendant, in a rage, punched her to the right cheek, leaving her dazed."

Five days later she found her bedding had been slashed and graffiti, accusing her of being in a relationship with another man, and pleading with her to take him back, had been written on her bedroom wall.

Mr Nigel Ford, representing Humpage, said his client had taken the break-up of his relationship badly and was drunk at the time of the offences, but had since detoxed.

Drink-related issues at lowest for a decade

THE number of underage drinkers admitted to hospital through drink in Walsall has been its lowest in a decade, despite the latest damning figures for the Black Country, health bosses say.

Alcohol related crime in the borough has also fallen over the last five years, Public Health Walsall has said. Statistics from Alcohol Concern show hundreds of thousands of people across the Black Country and Staffordshire ended up in hospital or needed NHS care.

Figures showed in one year, 399 people died of drink-related causes in Staffordshire, 161 in Sandwell, 142 in Dudley, 119 in Walsall and 115 in Wolverhampton. Walsall has an estimated 34,058 hazardous drinkers and 10,772 who are alcohol dependent.

Councillor Ian Robertson, portfolio holder for health, said: "I'm sure many people would have been shocked by those figures from Alcohol Concern but I think it's important to look at the progress that is being made in our borough too."

"We're all aware that alcohol, when consumed responsibly, can have a positive impact on people in celebratory settings but for a minority of people alcohol misuse can lead to poor health, premature death, homelessness, family breakdown and offending."

"Public Health colleagues advise that alcohol is the biggest lifestyle health risk

by Craig Hughes

after smoking tobacco and alcohol dependency has such a impact on so many other areas of people's lives."

He added this can range from lost productivity, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, road fatalities and mental health problems for children of dependent drinkers and child safeguarding issues.

As part of the Safer Walsall Partnership the reduction of alcohol-related harm in the borough has been prioritised.

"Its strategy over the last five years has resulted in a year-on-year decrease in alcohol-related recorded crimes in Walsall," Councillor Robertson said. "Alcohol-related crime has been falling in Walsall since 2008/09 falling by 29 per cent against a regional rate of 25 per cent and national fall of 21 per cent."

CONCERNs have been raised about the speed of traffic in Walsall

Residents were asked their views on road safety as part of the Liberal Democrats summer survey.

Councillor Ian Shires said many of the responses to the survey made reference to the speed of traffic.

Ward councillors have been working with police and highways officers to assess action which can be taken.

A '20 is plenty' zone for residential roads has been introduced in some areas at the Broadway, Summer Hayes and Lucknow areas.

Traffic speed concerns

Kevin's £1,000 charity feet



Kevin Edgington with his medal after completing the Great Birmingham Run

WALSALL runner raised £1,000 in his first half marathon when he took part in the Bupa Great Birmingham Run.

Kevin Edgington finished the run in one hour 54 minutes. The 40-year-old was raising funds for the Winston's Wish charity.

He said it as an epic and emotional day.

"It was a brilliant atmosphere," he added. "I felt euphoric with friends and family cheering me on."

"It was especially poignant when a total stranger came up to me to thank me for my

raising money for Winston's Wish. His wife died when his daughter was very young and he had telephone support from the charity many times when he and his daughter needed it."

"It made it all seem so real to be supporting such a great cause."

Winston's Wish provides support to bereaved children and families.

Mr Edgington's father Ernest John Fellows committed suicide when he was just a young boy.

Monthly hospital temps bill over £750k

THE cost of agency staff at Walsall Manor Hospital rose to more than £750,000 in just a month, latest figures have revealed.

It is the highest in the financial year so far and comes despite the overall bill for temporary workers, which includes locum and bank staff, falling.

A total of £766,000 was spent on agency workers in September, from a total cost of £1.68m.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has been battling to control the cost of temporary workers. This has seen it start the recruitment for 70 permanent new nurses.

Despite the increase in agency staff, the amount spent on locums reduced from £500,000 in August to £408,000 last month. The level of expenditure on bank workers was cut from £640,000 to £509,000.

Head of finance Ian Baines said in a report to a meeting of the trust board, says: "There was a noticeable drop in locum cover in anaesthetics due to an improvement in sickness levels, however the use of agency staff, particularly in nursing rose sharply."

"Plans have been developed to reduce expenditure and recruit permanently to the nursing establishment."

Demolition of health site

THE demolition of a former mental health base is due to go-ahead next month to pave the way for a multi-million pound road improvement scheme in Walsall.

Beswick House near the Brown Lion junction in Pleck needs to be pulled down for the £26 million revamp of the network heading towards Darlaston.

Darlaston Road and Beswick Road which approach the junction are being widened as part of the overall scheme to improve commuter links and ease congestion in the long-term.

Wot's to eat?

WALSALL band Wot's Next will be the guests at a fish and chips supper at a church on Saturday. Tickets are available in advance for All Saints' Church, in Walsall Road, Darlaston. Entry is £5 for the event that will start at 7pm. To order food, call 01922 496573.

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Motorist jailed over death of student

A DRIVER who ploughed into a student and left him to die on Birmingham's Broad Street has been jailed for five years.

Joseph O'Reilly, who lived at the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University, was struck by Fahid Saber's Volkswagen Polo as he tried to hail a taxi after a night out with a friend.

Police launched an appeal after the driver fled the scene in the early hours of December 15 but Saber, aged 22, was traced to an address in the Bordesley area of Birmingham. On Friday he was jailed at Birmingham Crown having pleaded guilty to death by dangerous driving and a charge of dangerous driving.

The court was told how Mr O'Reilly had been on a night out with his friend having visited the German Christmas Market and later the nightclub Gatecrasher.

Miss Samantha Powis, prosecuting, said: "They signalled for a taxi outside of Walkabout bar and as he stepped off the kerb a vehicle driven by the defendant's friend swerved to miss him. However Fahid Saber collided with him."

Saber then drove his damaged vehicle from the scene in an attempt to hide it from his family.

Sikhs mark 1984 killings

SIKHS from the Black Country will be among those gathering to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1984 Sikh Massacre.

More than 8,000 Sikhs were slain in Delhi between October 31 and November 3, 1984, in response to the assassination of Indira Gandhi. Across India around 30,000 Sikhs were killed, while 400,000 were displaced from their homes.

On Saturday a candlelight vigil will be held in Birmingham's Victoria Square to remember the victims.

The event takes place from 3pm to 6pm.

Law firm move

A WALSALL solicitors firm has been taken over by a law and accountancy group and is moving out of its town centre base. Clive Shepherd & Co has served the town for 29 years after being set up by the lawyer of the same name. It has been bought out by the HCB Group.

Inventor hopes idea proves a hot investment



Darren Langston with his Oven Spit Guard

AN INVENTOR is hoping to take the world by storm with a simple new way to keep roasting meat moist without getting an oven dirty.

Darren Langford runs a lingerie company but had a flash of inspiration when he came up with the oven tray with a steel lid.

He has made a prototype and put the design on the Kickstarter website, which appeals for funding for new projects.

The 42-year-old, of Walsall Wood, wants to raise £188,000 to produce 5,000 trays, that would sell for up to £40 each.

Though he admits he could struggle to

reach that target, he is hoping that offers will start to flood in once the design attracts attention.

He said: "There is nothing out there on the market that is like this. There are sheets you can put on the bottom of the oven but nothing like this."

Fumes

"I spent two hours cleaning my oven one day and I had to suit up in protective clothing, open all doors and windows to allow the toxic fumes from the cleaning chemicals to escape."

"I thought there must be a way around this, and then I came up with this idea," he added.

The funds needed would pay for the equipment needed to make the product and the production process.

The former product engineer and tool maker wants to come up with other designs in the future but says he believes this product could become a top seller.

Other ideas on Kickstarter have generated hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Mr Langford's design is available to view on www.kickstarter.com website.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Looking back at leather products

TRADE catalogues showcasing leather products made by Walsall companies from the Victorian era to the 1970s have been donated to the town's leather museum by the widow of an Australian saddlery business owner.

Len Hill's family wanted the 50 catalogues to 'come home' from Australia as many of them relate to Walsall companies.

They feature a wide variety of products by Walsall's leather industry. Visitors can see the catalogues in the new exhibition in the Leather which runs until January 10.

Dodgeball club is aiming to expand

A DODGEBALL club in Walsall is hoping to expand and set up new groups in the Black Country.

Walsall Warriors set up in 2012 and has grown to more than 40 members.

Glyn Marston, who runs the club, is now changing its name to Black Country Knights and wants people interested in helping to set up clubs elsewhere in the Black Country to get in touch. Walsall Warriors will still function but as a junior club.

Call 07588 249358.

M'way delays in bridge alert

THE M6 was closed in both directions when a person was spotted on a bridge over the carriageway.

It was shut between Junction 10 for Walsall and 10a for the M54 at about 3.30pm on Sunday for 10 minutes while officers managed to talk the person down.

Further delays were caused when four cars crashed in the resulted queues that had built up.

Choir set to raise money for church

ASHMORE Park Choir holds a charity concert next month. The choir has raised thousands of pounds for many charities.

On November 22, it will give a concert at Portobello Methodist Church, New Street, Willenhall, in aid of church funds.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and admission is £5.

Special concert

A CONCERT to mark the First World War is due at St John's Church, Walsall Wood on November 7, with the Staffordshire Band and Brownhills-based Wednesday Singers. Tickets are £5. Call 01543 372284.

Bonfires may be axed in plans for £29m cuts

BONFIRES, fun days and Easter egg hunts are the latest events facing the axe at Walsall Council as part of cutback plans.

An 18-strong team which manages nearly 100 parks, play areas and countryside sites would also be cut by more than a quarter, with compulsory redundancies likely. Chiefs plan to slash the authority's budget by more than £29 million next year.

Logging on for lessons at libraries

COMPUTER novices can improve their skills during sessions at libraries in the Black Country.

Advice is being given at libraries in Walsall from how to use the internet, to ebay and sending out emails.

There is also an opportunity to learn how to use Microsoft Word as well as other computer packages and Photoshop.

Helena Denham, taster sessions coordinator at Walsall library, said: "For many of us, we use technology on a day-to-day basis.

"These sessions offer something for everyone, even if you've never used a computer before in your life or simply want more advanced computer skills. I would encourage those who are interested to come along."

Most courses are free but need to be booked in advance. For more details about the computer email infoexpress@walsall.gov.uk or call the nearest library. It comes as libraries across the borough are poised to close over the next few years under budget cuts.

Former brickwork and built environment student Dan Higgins, aged 24, set up Re Space Landscapes last year after successfully bidding for a slice of funding through Walsall college's Enterprise Hub initiative.

The Enterprise Hub, which launched in November 2013, has been helping students aged 16 to 21 set up

Digging in to create sensory garden



Dan Higgins, seen right, gets to work on the Darlaston sensory garden with resident Tom Bridges

A STUDENT entrepreneur has helped to create a sensory garden in Darlaston for the benefit of the over 60s.

Armed with the tools and business tips to make his new company a success, Mr Higgins and 17-year-old Jordan Allen volunteered to create a sensory garden for residents in Darlaston over the summer. Work on the project has just been completed.

It has been specially designed to be dementia friendly and residents are expected to maintain it themselves and will be able to grow fresh produce.

Housing provider Walsall Housing Group funded the scheme and the community space will now be enjoyed by residents at the 17 apartments at Butcroft House.

Jane De Weijer, community development officer at Walsall College, said: "We are really keen to support entrepreneurs through The Enterprise Hub and it is a great achievement to see four of our fledgling businesses now trading as companies in their own right."

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Brian Stanley feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people

money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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IN MY VIEW



with Mark Andrews

THE landlord of my local insists these are genuine answers to a popular Black Country pub quiz:

(Q) Name the capital of the Republic of Ireland, beginning with the letter 'D'

(A) Belfast

(Q) Which group of islands are sometimes known as Malvinas?

(A) Boyzone.

Any more entries gratefully received...



A COUPLE of weeks ago, some of you may remember that I made a prediction regarding the new series of *The Apprentice*. I ventured that, given that this year's series had a record 20 candidates, and was scheduled to run for just 14 episodes, that we should not be too surprised if the honourable Lord Sugar would lose his paddy from time to time and spontaneously fire contestants on a whim.

By the end of the second week, five candidates have got the bullet, and the ennobled one is firing like Bodie out of the professionals. So just call me Confucius.

And here is another prediction. Sometimes during the series, Lord Sugar will turn up at the crack of dawn in order to treat us to the sight of the dishevelled-looking hopefuls being briefed in their pyjamas and odd socks.

The Apprentice is now in its 10th series, and those taking part are supposed to be some of the sharpest and shrewdest young minds in the country. Has it never crossed any of their minds that it might be a good idea to keep a shirt and trousers by the side of the bed, just in case?



TOM Jones is offering fans the opportunity to buy advanced tickets for concert dates, right up until he reaches the ripe old age of 103.

Some people have suggested this might be a bit presumptuous, and I tend to agree. Selling tickets a year in advance is always a risky business.



GIVEN that we are constantly told we are sitting on an economic timebomb caused by the growing health needs of an ageing population, whoever thought it would be a good idea to offer GPs a double-glazing-style bonus for diagnosing Alzheimer's?



MOTHER-of-three Michelle Hall claims she is allergic to Simon Cowell.

"As soon as he walked on stage wearing those trousers pulled up to his chest, grinning demonically and winking, I felt a sweat coming on."

Indeed, so severe is her condition, that the 43-year-old claims she screams, sweats and vomits every time the X-Factor comes on television.

Get to the back of the queue, love.



In the manufacturing heyday about 80 years ago



The old Sunbeam factory along the Penn Road



Clock still on the wall on the factory floor

Breathing new life into Sunbeam

Behind the scenes with ADAM THOMPSON as iconic factory undergoes a £10 million revamp

ABANDONED workshops, light fittings still intact and a clocking-in board gathering dust.

This is behind the scenes of the iconic Sunbeam factory in Wolverhampton which is undergoing a £10 million revamp to turn it into 115 homes.

And bosses have revealed they are aiming to have the first tenants set-up home as early as this Christmas.

The skeletons of 40 of the apartments that will go into the historic former factory have already been erected.

Workers are now putting the roof on to the first phase of the project which began in March with the whole development expected to be completed by summer 2017.

Eyesore

Developer Liam Wordley is overseeing the project. He said: "The building has been disused for so long I think people in Wolverhampton came to get used to it being an eyesore."

"It is on a gateway into the city and we are bringing it back to life. The aim is for the first phase to be finished by Christmas and the first tenants to move in by then."

"I have a passion for attacking problem buildings and this was one of them."

"I think when all the scaffolding comes down from the outside that's when people will see that it is a new building."

"Once we restore the Sunbeam lettering on the outside that will be another big day."

The premises, on the Penn Road Island, has been standing empty since 1999 and is now surrounded by scaffolding.



The site covered in scaffolding and netting as it awaited a buyer

During its lifetime, the Sunbeam factory was used for industrial uses including japping works and cycling and car manufacturing. Sunbeam was most famous for its motorcycles which were known around the world. The comings-and-goings of lorries and the sounds of the development taking shape have brought back to life a reminder of Wolverhampton's once industrial might.

Inside the structure are dozens of deserted workshops that once produced thousands upon thousands of motorcycles and bicycles.

A clocking-in board remains fixed to the wall at the entrance of one of the workshops and even stickers peeled from workers' bananas are still stuck to the wall.

Many windows have been smashed during years of decline and the area which will become a communal courtyard is a mud bath.

But in just under three years time it could be one of the city centre's biggest residential developments with hundreds expected to relocate to the corner of Paul Street and Pool Street. Mr

Wordley, a former rugby player, was also behind the regeneration of the former Territorial Army drill hall in Stafford Street, next door to the Hogshead bar, which is now student accommodation.

But he also had a vision for the 19th century Sunbeam site – formerly known as 'Sunbeamland' – something he purchased from regeneration firm Urban Splash. This includes maintaining most of the factory's history.

He said: "We want to keep as many of the building's original features as possible."

"Some of the homes have the original steel beams and a cast iron pipes in them and they all add to the identity of the place. It's about keeping Sunbeam alive."

In all, the 120,000 sq ft site will be a five-storey development with some of the apartments that are beginning to take shape offering views looking out over the south side of the city centre. Of the 115 apartments 32 will provide learning disability accommodation and a total of 109 parking spaces will also be created.

Positive

MP for Wolverhampton South East Pat McFadden said other sites in the city need to be redeveloped too.

He said: "I think it is positive to see such a significant site in Wolverhampton being fixed-up and it is good for the city to see this happen. What we need are other locations being revamped."

"One of the features of Wolverhampton when you drive around are disused buildings and there is a need to bring them back into use for the community."

"It is not only big sites like Sunbeam but also the small plots."

Councillor for Blakenhall – the ward the factory building sits in – John Rowley said it showed people are willing to invest in Wolverhampton. He said: "In all great industrial town and cities there are a number of buildings that symbolise its image."

WEEK IN POLITICS



with Daniel Wainwright

ED Miliband has made a wise choice bringing Pat McFadden back to his front bench as shadow Europe minister.

The Paisley-born MP for Wolverhampton South East knows only too well about campaigns to keep families of nations together. He went up north to urge his fellow Scots to stay in the UK. And now he's making the hard-headed, patriotic case for the UK to stay in the EU.

While Labour is sticking firmly to holding a referendum only in the event of a transfer of power to Brussels, Lichfield Tory MP Michael Fabricant thinks one is 'inevitable'. The big question is going to be who will lead the various sides.

Even Eurosceptics on the Tory benches won't want to concede the 'out' campaign to Nigel Farage. Nor would UKIP want the Conservatives they've been fighting against to carry the standard on their core policy.

As for the 'in' campaign, should it eventually happen, Mr McFadden is a good choice, if not to lead it, then to be very prominent within it. He's someone who brings with him a wealth of experience and connections with the business world and can talk up the economic impact of an 'out' vote.

This is a Labour MP, from the party that wants to hit the bankers hard for their part in the financial crisis, who was also able to get the former RBS boss Stephen Hester to talk to Wolverhampton and talk to business people.

Those contacts, incidentally, came in handy when he and fellow Wolverhampton MP Paul Uppal were campaigning separately to get the Barbara Hepworth Rock Form statue put back in the Mander Centre. RBS owns the statue.

It will be up to Pat McFadden to make the most of this new role. The Europe question is a complicated one. In the wrong hands this shadow brief is a poisoned chalice.

The Conservatives are trying to not only hold on to seats they won in 2010 but gain others to give David Cameron the majority that eluded him.

Even so, it is probably beyond ambitious to expect to win in Warley, part of Labour stronghold Sandwell where there is just a single Conservative councillor out of 72.

The Tories quietly merged the former Warley Conservative Association with others to form a Sandwell Federation. Tory high command says it was a democratic decision taken locally to merge the groups.

Some former members are not happy. They want their association back. Ewart Johnson is one of those. He's stood for election 20 times and never won once. Whatever your political stance, that's real dedication to the cause.



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Worst of all hostility toward disabled is on the rise. A recent study by Mencap found that police were consistently failing the victims of disability hate crime. Hate crime against disabled people is hard to fathom. In the media many disabled people feel under attack too, described as 'lazy', 'fraudulent' or 'work shy'.

Time limiting ESA, for example, will mean that people must not dare get a long term or chronic illness; if they do, the state

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A bit of nagging to your energy company could help.

Despite our politicians still saying our pensions have gone up, they like to forget that the pension credits have been dropped by over 20 per cent, ignoring the decreases of purchasing value, by inflation.

R HAMMOND
Aldridge

TO say that it is disappointing that Walsall's new council is planning four more years of cuts in council services would be a huge understatement. What is the point of a change in control if they simply continue where the Tories left off?

In the hard times after the Second World War the government debt was many times larger compared to the size of the economy than it is today. Yet the 1945 Labour Government found resources to set up the NHS and other public services.

Today we live in what is still one of the richest countries in the world. However, Cameron and his Government of millionaires are using austerity as an opportunity to destroy huge

sections of those services. They are privatising many of those that they don't close down altogether. This is a politically motivated attack destroying services on which we rely, but which they don't use.

Faced with this, Labour should be fighting these cuts, not implementing them. While it is true that it is the Government that is cutting council funding, the General Election is now only months away. With plans for four more years of cuts, the council clearly has little faith in any change at national level. The council should fight the Tory cuts – not implement them.

MARTIN LYNCH
Convenor,
Walsall against Cuts

Choir needs new pianist

WE are a mixed choir of about 40 voices and have been singing and raising funds for local groups and charities for almost 70 years.

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It would be such a shame. We have fun together rehearsing also some social occasions and then there is the pleasure of performing and the reward of raising funds and making people happy, so if you think you can help contact us. Please visit our website: www.willenhallmusicalsociety.com

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Some are still willing to help

I WAS driving home towards Walsall on the Wolverhampton Road at about 03.45 recently and I pulled over to pick up a dead cat. I was on my own (I'm a female).

I put my hazard lights on, and within a few minutes, a gentleman pulled up and asked if I needed any help. I would like to express my gratitude to this gentleman for taking the time to stop. It just goes to show there are people out there who are still willing to help others.

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Street art with a heart – prints donated



Huge coup – artist Jamie Paul Scanlon has donated rare signed prints of his street art to help fund an arts festival in Walsall

THIS rare signed print of a Banksy-style piece of street art has been donated by the man who created it to help a community arts festival.

Graffiti artist Jamie Paul Scanlon's work has been snapped up by collectors around the world and appears alongside such names as Damien Hirst, Banksy, Andy Warhol and Tracey Emin.

Now the artist, known as JPS, has gifted five autographed prints to be auctioned on ebay to help fund Walsall's arts festival.

It is a huge coup for the town as JPS continues to gain international recognition with street art that takes digs at everyone, from Charlie Sheen to Spider-Man. Only five years ago he

was a self-confessed 'homeless junkie' but he has used the experience to turn his life around.

Festival organiser Carolyn Bayliss has been a fan of his work since watching his paintings, including this clown piece, unfold on his Facebook page.

She said: "It is not just what he does, it is his placement that is so good. We became friends in 2012 and I've exhibited at one of his shows and he sent some of his works over for last year's Walsall Arts Fest. I can't thank him enough."

"He has been part of this from the beginning."

The 50-year-old, who lives in Walsall town centre, said: "The festival is bigger this year and has attracted some

amazing sponsors." The five pieces – including two of the clown image – are being auctioned along with a Launer London handbag, worth £1,000, which has been given a reserve price of £600.

The three-day contemporary art event called Three Days In November will be held at The Wheatsheaf pub on the Birmingham Road on November 6 to 8, between midday and 6pm each day.

Other exhibitors will include Dale Grimshaw, who will be creating a mural on a wall at the back of the pub over the the three days.

Inside the pub a 'wake' for England, centred on a coffin artwork created by Carolyn Bayliss, will be held.

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Apartments plan at site rejected for eighth time

Sign of success for Redbox



Ian Cooke of Redbox Signmakers with Councillor Mohammad Nazir from Walsall Council, one of the business grant backers

A HIGH-END Walsall sign-maker is targeting further expansion after securing specialist funding to support its growing work across the UK.

Redbox Signmakers has invested in a state-of-the-art large format printer thanks partly to a £5,000 Black Country GOLD grant, backed by the European Regional Development Fund and Walsall, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell councils.

The 10-strong company, founded in 2002, is already a favoured supplier for brands including TM Lewin, Levi's and Christian

Louboutin. Based in Upper Short Street, Redbox also works with Midlands venues and businesses on indoor and outdoor signs.

Redbox design, manufacture, install and maintain signs and interior displays as well as vehicle and window graphics. Other products include tailored point of sale joinery and acrylic fabrication.

The new technology has enabled Redbox to strengthen its short term signage portfolio, with recent jobs for full-colour hoardings at beauty retailer Molton Brown in Guildford and several pitch-side signs at Wolverhampton's Castlecroft stadium.

IT has gone before planners eight times but residents in Walsall are celebrating after seeing off the latest bid to build new homes in the town.

Developers have been trying to secure permission to build 14 apartments in Woodside Close, Park Hall.

Six previous planning applications to build three blocks of apartments and an electricity substation on the site have been thrown out by Walsall Council while the seventh attempt in January was not considered because councillors deemed it had not dealt with the previous issues.

Now an eighth application has been turned down by the local authority.

Councillors were concerned that there was not enough parking allocated on the site, access to the power station wasn't good enough and there were worries about the overall density of the development.

Almost 300 residents against the plans signed a petition to show their opposition. A total of 41 letters of objection were lodged with the local authority and more than 30 householders attended the council meeting where the plans were thrown out — despite having been recommended for approval.

Councillor Rose Martin said: "Residents are concerned about the fundamental issues. Some 285 signatures show the continuing opposition to the proposals. This is not a sustainable location. The roads are too narrow, there is not enough parking. "This is a known problem area already for parking."

Councillor Paul Bott said: "I have never seen anything so ridiculous in my life. I will be voting against this."

Bosses behind the development said the latest application was a 'genuine attempt to redesign the substation'.

The site previously housed six one-bedroom flats and a two-storey house.

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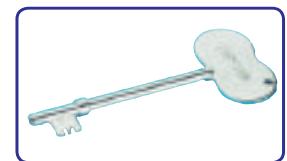
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Mothers Worry reunite. Front, with axe, Ron Howell, with noose, Ken Walker and in the coffin is Darren Winwood

THEY thrilled fans up and down the country throughout a colourful 18 year career.

Now almost three decades later the cult Black Country band, Mothers Worry, are returning to the stage promising to be bigger and better than before.

Devoted followers have already snapped more than 500 tickets for the comeback show at the Robin 2, Bilston on November 1. Truck driver Dave Hodgkinson, now 64, from Brooklands,

Walsall is lead vocalist and the only survivor from the original line up of the group whose trademark is a horror show bookended by two music sets featuring hits from the 1970 and 80s.

Mr Hodgkinson said: "We split up 28 years ago but it was as if we had never been apart when we started playing together again."

They launched in 1968 as a three piece but soon increased to a five-strong lineup from 1968 to 1986. There were frequent changes to the

personnel of both the band and backroom staff but luckily Dave kept a near 100-strong list of all those involved over the years.

This was used to track down as many as possible after Shaun Burton and Darren Winwood - base and drum player - suggested reforming.

He contacted Darren and Dave. Darren, a 52-year-old lorry driver from Cecil Drive, Tividale said: "We used social media to contact former members."

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Gritting crews getting to grips with winter

STOCKPILES of grit are accumulating in Brownhills as the borough's fleet of gritting vehicles get ready for the start of another winter.

The Apex Road depot has been stocked with around 3,000 tons of salt which is ready to be spread when the mercury drops below zero on around 218 miles of designated roads.

Gritting crews have been put on standby, with the official winter service to start on Saturday, which will be November 1.

A trial run has already taken place to ensure that driving routes are clear for when the snow and ice begin to fall.

Operation Snowfall saw six routes checked and timed.

In recent weeks, crews have been busy replenishing the 200 grit bins around the borough to ensure enough salt is available for residents to apply.

Council chiefs are also reminding residents to make sure they and their families are ready for the cold snap, including getting tyres checked and having de-icer and scraper at hand for when the winter season kicks in.

Change

Walsall Council's transport chief, Councillor Lee Jeavons said: "We're well prepared for winter and any sudden change in temperature."

"At the moment it's a typically wet October, but knowing our weather things can change rather briskly. Our salt stocks are at a maximum. And we're ready to go."

Walsall is divided up into six key routes across 218 miles of road which can be covered in four hours.

Highways chiefs are also seeking volunteers from the community to act as snow champions to help clear up in their area during inclement weather.

Those interested should contact Paul Leighton by email at Leighton@walsall.gov.uk



Walsall Councillor Lee Jeavons with the pile of grit ready for winter

Blaze-hit site plan for shops

DISCUSSIONS are taking place between Walsall Council, landowners and a housing group which is interested in transforming the town centre site of a Victorian mill that was destroyed in a blaze seven years ago.

Shannons Mill, in George Street, was destroyed by a fire which tore through the building in 2007, causing part of it to collapse.

Walsall's regeneration boss, Councillor Mohammad Nazir, said the Accord Group has now shown an interest in transforming the site with several shops and living accommodation on the first floor. He said: "It is at the

very first stages but I would welcome it." Spokeswoman for the Accord Group, Stella Pitt said: "We can confirm that we are in discussions with landowners and the council in relation to a potential mixed use development on the site. There are no further details at this time."

Planning permission would need to be granted before any regeneration of the site could begin. The mill was flattened following the fire and the £2.7 million Goldmine centre has since been built near to the site.

The blaze was described as the borough's biggest fire in 25 years.

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Signaller Harry Millward, left, features on this page of the memorial booklet



Private A.J. Haywood, 26, a capstan hand at Dorman's, on the left



Private Harry Cull, 23, is on the right of this memorial booklet page



Dorman's apprentice, Lt B. Carleton-Smith, aged 19



Philip Jones, of the Dorman Association for former employees, with the painting at the Shire Hall Gallery

Factory Roll of Honour recalls fallen colleagues

MEMORY LANE

By Marion Brennan

AN elaborate oil painting commissioned by a patriotic factory boss is going on display in Stafford.

The artwork was commissioned by Walter Haddon, chairman of W.H. Dorman & Co Ltd in Stafford, to highlight the sacrifices faced by 300 of his workers during the Great War.

It features the name of every man who fought picked out in gold lettering against a background of heavenly gates, cherubs and the figure of Christ.

The unusual 6ft high tribute once adorned the walls of the company's Foregate Street site, but has been in storage for decades.

It has been cleaned up and renovated for the centenary of the 1914-18 conflict and will be on display at the Shire Hall Gallery until November 2.

Philip Jones, of Pennfields, Wolverhampton, is a member of the Dorman Association for former employees. He first came across the painting covered in dust stacked against a wall in a storeroom many years ago when he worked as a wages clerk at the firm's Tixall Road site. He was impressed by grandeur of the artwork but mainly the sheer number of names listed.

Of those 300 employees who went off to war, 24 never returned and are given a special listing on the painting.

Dorman's also brought out a memorial booklet containing the photographs and a brief biography of those that died or were reported missing. This was given to their next of kin and a copy can be seen at The William Salt Library in Stafford.

Among those featured was chief wages clerk Harry Cull, of Victoria Terrace, Stafford, aged 23, who had played football for Aston Villa and Cannock FC and was the first secretary of Dorman's own football club before volunteering to serve with the Coldstream Guards.

He was wounded at the Battle of Loos and died nine months later in hospital in June 1916. Signaller Harry Millward, of Brook Street, Stafford, worked in the fitting department and was aged 21 when killed at Ypres in 1916 serving with the 6th Stafforshire Battery of the Royal Field Artillery. His fellow shopmate at Dorman's, Bombardier A. Hawkins, carried him three miles to safety only to find he had died on the way. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Private A.J. Haywood, aged 26, of Jessamine Cottage, Huntington, was employed as a capstan hand at Dorman's. He was killed at Passchendaele on November 10, the day before the Armistice was signed.

Thirteen Dorman's employees were decorated, awarded either the Military Medal or Distinguished Conduct Medal. One – Herbert John Mountford, of Brocton – received the French military decoration, the Croix de Guerre.

Among the names of the survivors are the chairman's nephews, Norman Haddon and his cousin William Haddon, who were apprentices at the firm.

Certificate

Dorman's made its own huge contribution to the war effort, making the engines for the trench railways that took food and weapons to the Front and which carried back injured soldiers to field hospitals. The company won the certificate to make prototypes in 1913 from the War Office.

The Foregate Street site was wound down in the 1930s but the facade is still there, today housing a number of small businesses as part of the Paul Reynolds Centre.

The Tixall Road factory was bought by Perkins, the biggest diesel engine manufacturers in the country, and is now owned by Caterpillar, although it retains the Perkins name.



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Teenage apprentice receives accolade



Teenager Chelsea Shin, of Tipton, receives her apprenticeship award, run by Kier Partnership Homes

A YOUNG apprentice from Tipton, has been commended for her work in a national awards evening. Chelsea Shin, aged 17, has been named apprentice of the year, south at the Kier Partnership Homes Apprentice of the Year Awards 2014, beating off competition from 70 other apprentices.

The young painting and decorating apprentice has gone from strength to strength since joining Kier Partnerships earlier in the year and now hopes to continue her family tradition with a full-time position. Chelsea was nominated for Apprentice of the Year by her peers, and also narrowly missed out on the Most Improved Apprentice Award on the evening. She walked away with a trophy and a voucher.

Chelsea joined Kier following a council campaign which called for apprentices to work on the Sandwell Housing Partnership Framework. She later went to work on the Greets Green Site in West Bromwich.

Chelsea said: "When I was younger I thought I wanted to go into sport, and I even chose a sports diploma at first. After an injury my mum and dad, who are decorators, encouraged me to help them out." Gregg Hill, Kier Partnerships site manager added: "She's a true professional and a true role model for any apprentice to follow."

Fuel stop is back in business for town

A SERVICE station in Walsall has reopened 15 months after it sold its last litre of petrol – bucking the national trend which has seen 900 fuel stops close in the past five years.

Ablewell Service Station has been taken over by a family-run business which has successfully turned around four others, two in the Midlands. Owner Venkatesh Sarveswaran said: "It is good for Walsall to see a business reopen."

by Marion Brennan

"If you walk through the streets of the town centre, you can see numerous shops that have been shut down, it's very sad. Opening the service station again has brought new life back to this part of town, and it's always lit, which makes people feel safer. We've had a lot of local support, people are glad to see us."

The 52-year-old is a former civil engineer who worked on the M5 and M6 motorways. Despite a PhD in civil engineering, he gave up the business in order to run petrol stations.

The Walsall site is his fifth, after establishing fuel stops in Swindon, Wiltshire and Boston, Lincolnshire, as well as Redditch and the Maypole in Birmingham.



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Backing for cause as it racks up 10th



Chelsie Doughty and her daughter Emma, marking the charity's 10th anniversary

A COURAGEOUS girl from Darlaston is calling on people to clear out their cupboards to help save lives like hers.

Chelsie Doughty, aged nine, who has been treated successfully for leukaemia, is drumming up support for the Give Up Clothes for Good campaign run by Cancer Research UK.

Chelsie and her mother, Emma, are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the campaign and the progress that has been made in children's cancer research during her lifetime.

Now Chelsie is asking people to help save more lives by digging through their drawers, whittling down their wardrobes and donating anything they no longer need to their nearest TK Maxx store. Chelsie was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in June 2010 at the age of five.

She had been taken to the doctor repeat-

edly with unexplained pains in her legs, but it was only when she came out in severe bruising after playing in her favourite pair of sparkly shoes that her mum rushed her to A&E.

After blood tests and investigations Emma, who was five months pregnant with her second baby, and her partner Simon Pratt, were told that Chelsie had leukaemia. Chelsie was treated with intensive chemotherapy for two years, and had to endure repeated blood tests, lumbar punctures and bone marrow tests. She has now gone into remission for two years.

"It was very hard on us as a family," said Emma. "Simon kept working throughout but I more or less lived at the hospital and was even there on the date I was due to give birth. Chelsie never lost her spirit though. Thanks to research into children's cancers, Chelsie is here today and is now living a full and happy life like any child. We would urge people across the West Midlands to support Give Up Clothes for Good."

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Pupils in the swim with Joanne's visit



Joanne Jackson, who won a bronze at the Beijing Olympics, appearing at a Walsall school next week. An Olympic medallist will put school pupils through their paces when she takes time out to inspire the next generation of athletes next Friday.

Swimmer Joanne Jackson, who won bronze at the 2008 Beijing Games, will visit Hydesville Tower School in Walsall, where pupils at the independent school will be sponsored to complete a fitness circuit comprising four activities with the 28-year-old sportswoman who became Britain's most successful female swimmer.

Joanne, who has won a medal at every major international competition, will coach and encourage the children throughout the circuit. The exercises involved will represent the type of training elite athletes do to keep fit.

She will then deliver an assembly designed to motivate the children to participate more regularly in sport and will finish with a question and answer session.

The visit is part of the Sports for Schools programme which runs athlete-led events to encourage children to be more active and raise money for school PE equipment.

Paul March, director of sport at Hydesville, said: "It's a privilege for us to welcome Joanne to school. I've no doubt the pupils will be inspired by her achievements."

Mineshafts probe plan puts back rail project

WORK on a rail bridge to allow the multi-million pound electrification of the Chase Line has been suspended for more mineshaft investigations.

The bridge at Central Drive, Bloxwich, needs to be rebuilt and raised higher to enable cable installation as part of the £30 million scheme between Walsall and Rugeley. Work was due to be carried out by Network Rail.

It was scheduled to run up until February, but bosses have revealed that it has been postponed.

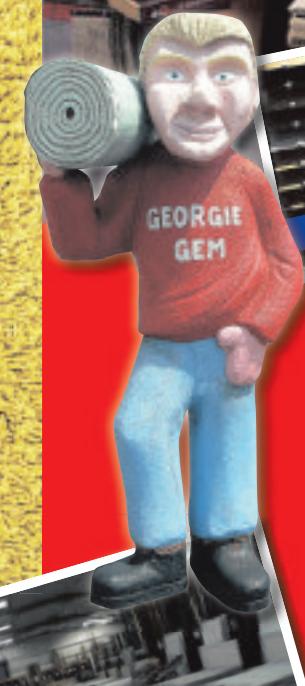
This is to allow investigations into former mines in the area and it has not been confirmed when work on the scheme will resume. A road closure which was put in place recently has now been removed.

Bloxwich councillor Fred Westley said he believed it could take until January before work could restart. "There is nothing you can do and all the safety checks need to be done," he said. "We will have to wait and see what happens next."

A statement from Network Rail said: "Safety is paramount and we will inform how the bridge re-

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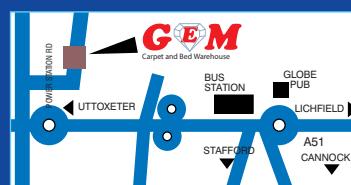
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Pelsall Townswomen's Guild members Beryl Thornley, Glenys Marsden and Val Chalker at Walsall Arboretum

THE trip to Cheshire Oaks on October 13 was a shopaholic's delight. Everyone found something to buy or just admire, or strongly resist in some cases. The weather was overcast and dull but at least the Mid-langs rain was left behind.

On the return journey Gill of Norton Coaches announced that she and Martin would be retiring in the New Year. Thanks and best wishes were given to Gill and Martin as they have been popular escorts on many of the club's trips over the past few years.

The Federation Art & Craft Day is at Aldridge Community Centre on Saturday, November 15, and

TV Anne is a real gem to share memories

Shareshill WI

FIFTY members celebrated the WI's diamond anniversary with a three-course dinner at Shugborough Hall. Catering staff were thanked for the wonderful meal.

President Margaret Beddard then welcomed members, especially youngest member Kim and oldest member Dulcie who will be 90 years old in December.

Before the festivities began the president told members that the Shareshill Craft Group together with Shareshill Church hosted a Macmillan Coffee event which raised £405.20.

At the November 22 meeting, Kerri from Essington Craft Centre will demonstrate how to make a wreath from scraps of fabric. The darts team are on a winning streak and have won their last three matches.

Eleven members had a lovely day at the Autumn Council Meeting when the speaker was Police Commissioner Matthew Ellis. After lunch Anne Diamond entertained with tales of her life as a journalist and television presenter.

Chairman Denise Moreton thanked the WI for the beautiful flower arrangements provided by Carol Hood and then announced she was standing down after 10 years in office. She was given a standing ovation.

The beautiful celebration cake was provided by longest-serving member of 58 years Margaret Matthews who was unable to attend as she was in hospital recovering from a fall.

Hanging baskets advice

THE October meeting was opened as usual with Jerusalem and president Julie welcomed members and visitors.

After correspondence and information on the Christmas dinner at Essington Fruit Farm, Julie introduced the speaker, Darren Rudge whose talk and demonstration was on winter hanging baskets. He has been in the gardening profession for more than 20 years.

He demonstrated how to make a winter hanging basket and let the group in on one or two trade secrets. The end result was a beautiful basket filled with lovely greenery, cyclamens and pansies. Darren donated the basket for the raffle and it was won by Pat Embrey.

The floor was then open to questions and answers and a vote of thanks was given by Ann Evans.

Speaker at the November 17 meeting will be Kasie Woods son 'Boots No.7'.

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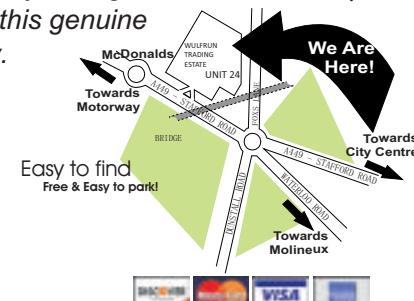
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Noel is so surreal
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Noel Fielding from The Mighty Boosh and Never Mind The Buzzcocks goes on surreal flights of fancy at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tonight (Thursday), while over at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre Georgie comedian Ross Noble performs his Tangentlemen show tomorrow and Saturday.

Al Murray brings his Pub Landlord for another round in One Man One Guv'nor at the New Alexandra on Sunday.

YouTube sensation Miranda Sings (aka Colleen Ballinger, who will be her own support act) is at the Wulfrun Hall on Wednesday, the same night Hebden burner creator Jason Cook is at the Slade Rooms.

Supergroup bring Gravitas to venue

SUPERGROUP Asia have returned with a new album, Gravitas. Legendary rock drummer Carl Palmer, singer-bassist John Wetton and keyboardist Geoff Downes will be joined by Bromsgrove-born guitarist Sam Coulson at the Wulfrun Hall on Saturday.

That's the same night that Black Country band Mothers Worry have their reunion at Bilston's Robin 2 and Countin' Crows play Birmingham O2 Academy with Bombay Bicycle Club collaborator Lucy Rose.

Also, X Factor star and former Brum music student Rhidian sings at Birmingham Town Hall.

Paolo Nutini is at the LG Arena on Wednesday.

Dinner conversation uncovers a deadly conspiracy in thriller

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Paloma Faith, with canine companion, has three concerts coming up in the West Midlands

A CHANCE remark at a dinner party exposes a conspiracy in JB Priestley's play Dangerous Corner, staged at Birmingham Rep from Monday to Saturday.

Directed by Michael Attenborough, this new production will feature Michael Praed, who is still fondly remembered as TV's Robin of Sherwood, and Colin Buchanan, who was DI Pascoe in TV series Dalziel and Pascoe.

From the writer of the classic An Inspector Calls, Dangerous Corner is a mystery that sees dinner guests take a fresh look at the events surrounding a recent death.

The strong ensemble cast also includes Kim Thomson, who was Faye Lamb in Emmerdale, Downton Abbey footman Matt Milne, Lauren Drummond from Waterloo Road and Finty Williams, the Gosford Park actress and daughter of Dame Judi Dench.

The war poets of the First World War are portrayed on stage in Regeneration at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

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Praed and Buchanan in Dangerous Corner

tenary Square theatre until Saturday in the main house, whilst Dame Janet Suzman plays opposite young Khayalethu Anthony in Lara Foot's Solomon And Marion at The Studio at The Rep.

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Russians bringing Ring Cycle to city

BIRMINGHAM Hippodrome undertake a massive operatic event with the staging of Wagner's epic Ring Cycle in its entirety next week.

The four operas based on Norse sagas, including the story of the hero Siegfried and his Valkyrie lover Brunnilde, will be conducted by Valery Gergiev with his world-famous Mariinsky Opera. It will bring more than 250 artists from St Petersburg to Birmingham with ten trucks of scenery.

There will be four performances over five nights on November 5, 6, 8 and 9 — plus a host of associated events under the umbrella title Ringside, see www.birminghamhippodrome.com website. The cast will include Sir Willard White.

Merry and Kerry in comedy plays

COMEDY rules at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre where Su Pollard and Cannon & Ball feature in Ha Ha Hood tonight (Thursday). Then the Hollywood view of Ireland clashes with reality in Kerkyre comedy Stonies In His Pockets on Monday.

The comedy veterans team up with Ben Langley as Robin Hood, Prince of Leaves, in a mix of pantomime and sketch show.

Stones In His Pockets blends comedy and tragedy when a movie crew's arrival in a small Irish community has unforeseen results. Two actors play dozens of roles in the play, which was a hit on Broadway.

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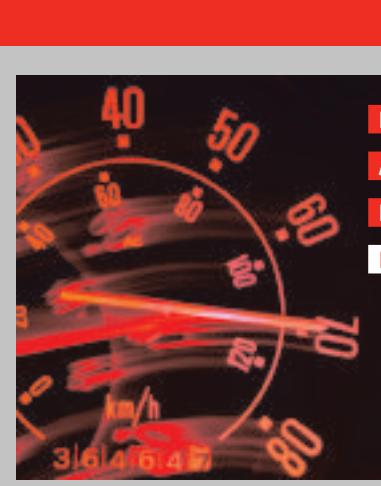
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Casualty (BBC1, 9pm)

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BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 4.00 Escape to the Country. 4.00 Final Score. 5.25 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebrities. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. It's Hawtoween Strictly, which means a hair-raising spectacular as the 11 remaining dancing couples perform some spookiest routines, with the fearsome foursome of Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell deciding who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present all the fun. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.
- 8.15 Doctor Who. Part one of two. The Doctor finally comes face to face with Missy in the mysterious world of the Nethersphere, where plans have been drawn up and an impossible choice is looming.
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- 9.50 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin is joined by singer Sheryl Crow as she reveal the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
- 10.00 BBC News; Weather.
- 10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the latest Premier League fixtures, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool at St James' Park and Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.
- 11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures.
- 1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.15 Film: The Scarlet Thread. (1951) 7.30 Film: The Quick Gun. (1964) 9.00 The Private Life of Plants. (R) 9.50 The Private Life of Plants. (R) 10.40 The Private Life of Plants. (R) 11.30 Man Made. (R) 12.00 The Little Paris Kitchen. Coming with Paul Hollywood, (R) 12.30 mattin' in the Ritz. The Genius of Piero Astaire. (R) 12.45 Film: That's Entertainment Part Two. (1976) 2.45 Film: Show Boat. (1951) 4.30 The Great Interior Design Challenge. (R) 5.30 Flug It!
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- 7.30 The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal. Thomas Asbridge examines the life and times of William Marshal, an English soldier and statesman who served four kings of England in the 12th and 13th centuries. (R)
- 8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring seizes the chance to contribute to the war effort by guarding a captured German U-boat crew. Guest starring Philip Madoc. (R)
- 9.00 Frankenstitch and the Vampyre – A Dark and Stormy Night. Docudrama examining the origins of the classic horror characters, when Lord Byron, Mary and Percy Bysshe Shelley and friends gathered to tell ghost stories in 1816.
- 10.00 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The key moments from the battle for pole position at the United States Grand Prix, the 17th round of the campaign, held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.
- 11.15 QI XL. Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe Jo Brand, Phil Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of fiendish questions about lenses, lungs and legs.
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- 7.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Coronation Street actress Kym Marsh, relationship expert Tracey Cox, choreographer Louise Spence and former tennis star Greg Rusedski take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.
- 8.00 The X Factor. The remaining acts get into the Halloween spirit for Fright Night, a show that's almost certain to include Michael Jackson's Thriller, but also a few unexpected song choices to keep things interesting. It's now the fourth week of the live shows and the contestants are facing increasing pressure to raise their game and impress with note-perfect performances. Host Dermot O'Leary will be on hand to keep the competition calm, while the judges – Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh – give their verdicts and defend their own categories. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.
- 10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. With actress Keira Knightley, Have I Got News for You regular Paul Merton, former rugby star Gareth Thomas, Great British Bake Off judge Paul Hollywood and pop trio London Grammar.
- 11.05 ITV News; Weather.
- 11.20 Film: Bloody Sunday. (2002) 1.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

- 7.00 Cycling: Revolution Series. 7.55 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Rain Live coverage from Abbot, Weatherby and Down Royal. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.35 Come Dine with Me. (R)
- 6.05 Come Dine with Me. Businesswoman Sarah Freeman hosts the final dinner party from Dudley, West Midlands, and hopes to impress her guests with a Moroccan menu. (R)
- 6.35 Channel 4 News.
- 7.05 Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle enthusiast teams up with endurance expert Jason Miles to find out how far it is possible to travel on a tandem during 24 hours of non-stop pedalling. (R)
- 8.00 Walking Through History: Victoria and Albert's Highland Fling. Tony Robinson visits the Cairngorms National Park to discover how Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped shape Scottish traditions and imagery, such as tartan, bagpipes and caber-tossing. Starting in Pitlochry, he traverses the Killiecrankie Pass, where the Jacobites won the Battle of Killiecrankie, and ends his trek at Balmoral and the fantasy castle Albert built as his and Victoria's Highland escape.
- 9.00 Film: Red. (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt and realises something in his past has made him a target. He sets out to reunite the members of his old hit squad to find out who is trying to kill them and why, but in the process, uncovers dangerous secrets. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.
- 11.10 Film: Babylon AD. (2008) A mercenary escorts a girl from post-apocalyptic Russia to New York, unaware she holds the key to mankind's salvation. Sci-Fi adventure, starring Van Diesel.
- 12.55 Rude Tube. (R) 1.50 Hollywoods. (R) 3.55 Location Locations. (R) 4.50 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) 4.53 NFL: The American Football Show. (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.35 Access. 10.50 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) 11.50 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 12.50 Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy. (R) 1.50 Film: A Christmas Visitor. (2002) Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak. 3.35 Film: A Carol Christmas. (2003) Festive comedy drama, starring Tori Spelling. 5.15 Film: The Town Christmas Forgot. (2010) Drama, starring Lauren Holly.
- 7.00 5 News Weekend.
- 7.05 Marilyn Monroe: The Missing Evidence. Investigating the evidence that supports some of the world's most notorious conspiracy theories. Though she often commanded headlines, some people have long claimed that the FBI, the Mafia and even the Kennedy family may have been involved in Marilyn Monroe's death. This programme looks at some of these claims, and also reveals the contents of tape recordings made inside Monroe's house on the fateful day of August 5, 1962, which suggest her psychiatrist may have been responsible for her death, working under pressure from eminent individuals in high places. (R)
- 8.05 World War II in Colour. Hitler's disastrous invasion of the Soviet Union, during which the previously undefeated German forces were destroyed by the apparently endless resources of Stalin's war machine. (R)
- 9.00 Gotham. A corrupt businessman, released on bail, instructs his lawyers to bribe his way out of trouble using the proceeds of his illicit activities. Later, a masked balloon seller snaps a handgun on him and he floats skywards to his death. Gordon and Bullock try to track down the vigilante, while Selina attempts to escape, and Oswald Cobblepot returns to Gotham. Comic-book thriller, starring Ben McKenzie. (R)
- 10.00 Film: The New Daughter. (2009) Premier. A writer uncovers the dark history of his house to find a way to save his daughter from the evil spirits possessing her. Horror, starring Kevin Costner.
- 12.05 SuperCar Show. 3.10 The Da Vinci Code: The Final Show. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Motor It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels Jam. (R) 5.40 Roaray the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

- BBC Three
- 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Sherlock 10.30 Live at the Apollo 11.00 Family Guy 1.40 The Revolution Will Be Televised 2.10 Bad Education 3.10 Bad Education: The Finale 3.40 Jenny Bede: AAA 4.00 Close BBC Four
- 7.00 Land of the Lost Wolves 8.00 Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.35 Country at the BBC 12.05 Land of the Lost Wolves 1.05 Sounds of the Eighties 1.35 Top of the Pops: 1979 2.05 Classic Albums 2.55 Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession 3.55 Close ITV2
- 11.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Best of the Bush 12.45 You've Been Framed! 1.50 Film: Honey. (2003) 3.45 Film: The Little Vampire (2000) 5.40 Film: Casper (1995) 7.35 Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) 10.00 The Xtra Factor 11.00 Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special 11.45 The Job Lot 12.15 The X Factor 2.15 Fake Reaction 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen
- ITV3
- 1.20 A Touch of Frost 3.55 Inspector Morse 5.55 Endeavour 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsummer Murders 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.20 A Touch of Frost 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping
- ITV4
- 11.45 World Rally Championship Highlights 12.45 Darts: The Masters Live. Coverage of the afternoon session on day one. 5.00 Star Wars 7.00 Darts: The Masters Live. All the action from the evening session on day one. 11.00 Film: Death Race (2008) 1.10 River Monsters: Untold Stories 2.15 Cheers 2.40 Movies Now 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
- E4
- 3.40 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Footloose (1984) 11.10 The Big Bang Theory 11.40 The Inbetweeners 12.10 How I Met Your Mother 1.10 New Girl 1.40 The New Normal 2.10 The Ricky Gervais Show 3.05 The Cleveland Show 3.30 Being Erica 4.35 Smallville
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- 11.00 The Long Memory (1952) 1.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) 2.40 Marmaduke (2010) 3.30 Mad Money (2008) 6.25 Wall-E (2008) 11.10 The Devil's Double (2012) 11.15 The Evil Dead (1982) 1.00 Gozu (2003) 3.45 Close

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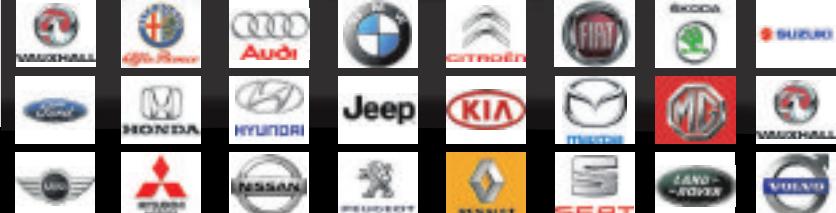


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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Holiday of My Lifetime. Len Goodman. (R) **2.45** Lost Treasures of the Silk Kingdom. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Popcorn View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Life Story. (R) **5.50** BBC News. **6.20** *Downton Abbey*. The team reports to work. Isobel, Lady Violet and Matt Baker take a stroll along Ryedale Pier, the oldest in the UK and witnesses its ongoing restoration work. Ellie Harrison visits Osborne House, Queen Victoria's home on the island, appreciating Prince Albert's love of horticulture and in particular the trees he planted throughout the gardens, before heading to the private beach that the royal couple frequented. Plus, former farmer and trained butcher Gareth Barlow meets a woman campaigning about the virtues of eating beef. Adam Henson meets a young farmer putting his own take on the poppy and Tom Heap investigates claims that education reforms could put school farms under threat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Annie Lennox provides the music.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the second of two new programmes from the Somme battlefields, in which she and the experts are joined by families with stories of courage and humanity in wartime.

9.00 Death in Paradise. Drama about a fish-out-of-water British detective solving murders on the Caribbean island of Saint Marie. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix - Highlights. Suzi Perry interviews drivers from the United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, where the 17th round of the campaign took place.

12.00 The Apprentice. (R) **1.00** Film: Girl from Rio. (2001) **2.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.40** BBC News.

BBC2

7.30 Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.20** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.20** Film: Waterloo. (1970) Drama, starring Rod Steiger. **3.30** Flog On! Trade Secrets. **4.00** Inside the American Mind. (R) **5.00** Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights. **6.00** *Britain's Classroom Heroes* 2014. Dan Snow hosts the awards ceremony honouring the nation's teachers at London's Royal Hall, with guests including Prime Minister David Cameron, comedian and actress Catherine Tate, chef Ainsley Harriott and gymnast and former Strictly Come Dancing winner Louis Smith. There is also a performance by the cast of award-winning musical Billy Elliot.

7.00 Human Universe. Professor Brian Cox explores how innate human curiosity has led mankind to realise its true place in space and time, appreciating that Earth is not at the centre of all things. (R)

8.00 Wonders of the Monsoon. Exploring the relationship that has developed over thousands of years between the people who live in monsoon regions and the wildlife they share them with. Last in the series.

9.00 Afghanistan: The Lion's Last Roar? The concluding part examines Britain's attempts to extricate itself from the war and asks whether the nation will have the desire to commit troops to such conflicts in the future.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. A review of the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium and Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur at Villa Park.

11.05 Russell Howard's Good News. The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print. A special guest also makes an appearance. (R)

11.35 The Fall. Gibson revisits the Sam Rockey crime scene with Reed Diamond and discovers a potential new lead, while Specter's boss questions him about his visit to Liz Tyler. (R)

12.35 The Fall. (R) **1.35** Sign Zone: *Countryside*. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Mr Bear's Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.30** The Simpsons: Bart. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons: Lisa. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons: Marge. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons: Maggie. (R) **2.25** Make Way for Ducklings. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons: The Rolling Stones. (R) **3.25** The Simpsons: Ned. (R) **3.55** The Simpsons: Maggie. (R) **4.20** The Simpsons: Homer. (R) **4.50** Film: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy.

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8.00 *The X Factor Results.* Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest names in the charts.

9.00 *Downton Abbey.* Secrets could be exposed as Rosamund arrives at Downton following Edith's shock departure. Rose is delighted to introduce Atticus and his parents to the Abbey, while Anna and Bates start thinking about a fresh start, now that the worst of their problems are seemingly behind them. Moseley is concerned to see Daisy becoming disillusioned with her studies, and Isobel makes a happy announcement, but there may be trouble on the horizon. Violet has her hands full with her war-time servants, while Mary and Blake seize an opportunity to send Gillingham a strong message.

10.05 ITV News: Weather.

10.25 Harry's South Pole Heroes. Part two of two. Following their intensive training programme, Prince Harry and the injured soldiers expand on their South Pole expedition, but extreme conditions take their toll. (R)

11.25 V-Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the opening pool matches in this season's competition, including Saracens v Harlequins.

12.15 The Store. **2.20** Motorsport UK.

3.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.40 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons: Bart. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons: Lisa. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons: Marge. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons: Maggie. (R) **2.25** Make Way for Ducklings. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons: The Rolling Stones. (R) **3.25** The Simpsons: Ned. (R) **3.55** The Simpsons: Maggie. (R) **4.20** The Simpsons: Homer. (R) **4.50** Film: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy.

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11.55 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by TV Factor host Dermot O'Leary, Hollywood actor Elijah Wood, supermodel Naomi Campbell and Paloma Faith, performing her latest single. (R)

12.50 The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** American Football Live. **4.45** NFL: Rush Zone.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Postbox. (R) **7.05** Our Little White Van. (R) **7.15** The Big Picture in Pictures. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Patrol. **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. **8.40** Zack and Quack. **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** Lazy Town. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.50** Film: The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2000) Supernatural drama, starring George Cole. **3.35** Film: The Canterbury Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. **5.25** Film: The Witches. (1990) Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston.

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DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Doctor Who. **8.15** Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Life Is Toff **11.15** American Dad! **12.10** Life Is Toff **11.15** American Dad! **12.10** Sweet the Small Stuff **2.00** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.30** Snow, Sex and Suspicous Parents **3.30** Life Is Toff **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Timeshift: The Ladybird Books Story – How Britain Got the Reading Bug **8.00** The Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction **8.30** The Secret Life of Books **9.00** Exposed: Magicians, Psychics & Frauds – Storyville **9.30** Film: Come As You Are (2011) **12.10** Classic Albums Special **9.00** Goth at the BBC **10.25** John Denver at Wembley **11.00** The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005) **1.20** Dads **2.10** Two and a Half Men **2.50** TeleShopping

ITV2

7.00 The Xtra Factor **2.10** Rixton: The Hot Des **2.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **3.20** You've Been Framed! **3.50** Film: Valiant. (2005) **5.25** Film: Come As You Are (2011) **7.00** Jurassic Park (1997) **8.00** Scotland **9.00** The Devil's Own **10.05** Tricked **11.05** Film: The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005) **1.20** Dads **2.10** Two and a Half Men **2.50** TeleShopping

ITV3

2.25 Wycliffe **3.30** Film: Columbo: Double Exposure (1973) **3.50** Lewis **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.05** Who Was That Lady? **2.45** Judge Judy **3.05** TV3 Nighscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

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Film4

1.00 The Parent Trap (1998) **3.30** The Iron Giant (1999) **5.15** The Wizard of Oz (1939) **7.00** The Incredibles Mr Potato (2004)

9.00 The Departed (2006) **12.15** In Another Country (2012) **1.50** Sleuth (2007) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Once Upon a Time in Mexico, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A crazed CIA agent based in Mexico learns of a conspiracy involving a drug baron and a military general to assassinate the president. He finds the perfect man to prevent the coup in the shape of a legendary gunslinger, who is seeking revenge on the general for murdering his wife. Action thriller, concluding Robert Rodriguez's El Mariachi trilogy, starring Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Mickey Rourke and Salma Hayek. (2003)

TUESDAY

In the Valley of Elah, BBC1, 11.40pm
A retired military investigator's soldier son disappears without trace shortly after returning from Iraq. Frustrated at the police and the army's lack of progress in solving the case, he begins to suspect a cover-up and enlists the aid of a small-town detective in uncovering the truth. Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon. (2007)



American Gangster, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY
Away from Her, BBC1, 11.45pm

An elderly woman with Alzheimer's disease is adamant she will move into a care home to spare her husband of 50 years the burden of looking after her. Sadly, this leaves him in the heartbreaking position of having to watch helplessly as his beloved wife slips away from him. Drama, based on a short story by Alice Munro, starring Gordon Pinsent, Julie Christie, Olympia Dukakis and Alberta Watson. (2006)

THURSDAY
Badge of Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman discovers her supposedly dead son is still alive, his demise having been faked by her ex-husband as part of an elaborate plot to destroy her life. However, finding the evidence to prove her story turns out to be a difficult challenge. Thriller, starring Julie Benz, Matthew Kevin Anderson and Samantha Ferris. (2014)

FRIDAY
American Gangster, ITV, 10.40pm

The story of 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas, whose innovative methods of smuggling heroin into the US made him one of the leading figures in the New York underworld. A detective is assigned to bring Lucas's empire down, but his investigation is undermined by police corruption. Ridley Scott's fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington. (2007)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Celebs aim not to fright on a spooky dance night

We've been treated to some extraordinary sights so far this series – from EastEnders Jake Wood salsa-ing up a storm to Judy Murray literally flinging herself into Anton du Beke's arms during a surprisingly forceful tango.

And that's without even mentioning Movie Week when Mark Wright got superman, Scott Mills was transformed into a crab, and Claudia Winkleman threw popcorn into Tess Daly's cleavage.

But it seems that was all just a warm-up for tonight's Halloween extravaganza, the show when the make-up and costume departments can really let their imaginations run riot.

Of course, for many of the celebs, every Saturday night so far has been fright night as they try to conquer their nerves and perform in front of millions of people. Even the stars you might expect to be used to shaking their stuff in public – like pop star Pixie Lott – admit that Strictly is a whole new experience.

She says: "[The judges] make me nervous! I think they're all great in their own way. My favourite is Darcey Bussell. She's the only ballerina I'd heard of as a young girl. Ballerinas such a discipline – she got to the top of her game, which is amazing."

Wood, better known to soap fans as Max Branning, may seem surprisingly at home on the dancefloor, whether he's doing a moody waltz or channelling Elvis in a jive, but he says it's all new to him as well. "I tend not to even dance at a party but I do sometimes dance at home when I'm mucking about with the kids."

Luckily, that hasn't stopped him enjoying the experience. "It's something that's completely out of my comfort zone and I like a challenge. It's such a great Saturday night show and my family always sits down and watches it together so I'm really happy to be involved and I think my kids will really enjoy watching me take part."

It seems likely the 11 remaining stars will be taken even further out of

their comfort zones this week, as the professional dancers wrack their brains for more supernatural-themed songs. (In previous years, we've been treated to a Ghostbusters cha cha from Sid Owen, Russel Grant doing the Samba to Better the Devil You Know, and Mark Benton performing possibly the world's first intergalactic disco paso doble to I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper.)

And they'll still face the terrifying prospect of being judged by Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Bussell, although as TOWIE star Wright could tell you, even getting decent scores and encouraging comments can't always save you from that dreaded dance-off.

We'll have to wait for Sunday night to find out who's going home this week, and as an added incentive, the results show will also feature a performance by Annie Lennox. And if anyone's still searching for a Hallowe'en tune, she did once have a hit with Love Song for a Vampire...



Strictly Come Dancing, Saturday, BBC1, 6.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Passing Bells
BBC1, 7pm

New series. Five-part drama being shown over five nights, in which the First World War unfolds through the eyes of two ordinary young men. Upon the outbreak of hostilities, farmer's son Michael and delivery boy Thomas both defy their parents and slip out to the recruitment office, alongside thousands of other men. After donning their uniforms – one British, one German – each set of parents struggles to cope with their sons' deceptions, before the new recruits set off for training, and while shy Tommy struggles to find his feet, Michael immediately begins to miss girlfriend Katie. Patrick Gibson and Jack Lowden star. Continues tomorrow.

TUESDAY
Live UEFA Champions League
ITV, 7.30pm

Real Madrid welcome Liverpool to the Bernabeu for this matchday four Group B fixture. This is the second meeting between the clubs in the space of a fortnight, and the odds are stacked against the Reds here given they suffered a 3-0 defeat at Anfield. Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring in typically brilliant fashion and Karim Benzema added two more in the opening 45 minutes. Much

was made of Mario Balotelli's subdued performance that saw Brendan Rodgers substitute the striker at half time, but improvements are also needed in defence if the Merseysiders are to have a dramatic reversal in fortunes this evening against the classy defending champions. However, Liverpool did defeat Real 1-0 on their only previous visit to this ground in 2009, but Steven Gerrard and Martin Skrtel are the only survivors from that team, while Iker Casillas, Pepe and Sergio Ramos are the three remaining Madrid players.

WEDNESDAY
Great Continental Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9pm

Some celebrities' lives can be re-invented thanks to being in the right place at the right time. Michael Palin for example was considered an unlikely successor to Alan Whicker in the late Eighties when he went Around the World in 80 Days, and in recent years Michael Portillo's railway travels have made for compelling viewing also. Now, armed with his trusty Bradshaw's guide, he's off on the Eurostar to travel overseas and into the past. There he

examines how life in Europe 100 years ago was changed forever by the advent of war. His first journey takes in Russia, a country which in 1913 was something of an enigma "poised between reform and revolution," explains Michael. His epic journeys take in Tula, Saint Petersburg and Moscow, among other places, and along the way he is taught how to wash.

THURSDAY
Peaky Blinders
BBC2, 9pm

There may be the obvious comparisons with Boardwalk Empire, and Cillian Murphy's Birmingham accent may take a little getting used to, but those niggles are tiny when you consider the stylish brilliance of Steven Knight's epic crime drama. With a top-drawer cast including Helen McCrory and Tom Hardy,



Great Continental Railway Journeys, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

series two has made for compelling viewing in recent weeks, and the latest episode is no exception. It's Derby Day at Epsom, and under orders from Major Campbell, Tommy is there to assassinate a high-ranking member of the military establishment. He plans turn the situation to his advantage by bringing his gang to the racecourse and striking a blow at gang boss Sabini – a scheme that could take his organisation to another level.

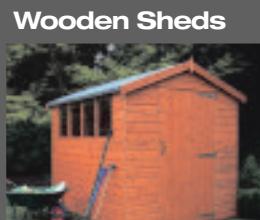
FRIDAY
Marvel's Agents of SHIELD
Channel 4, 8pm

Given the fact Marvel are now one of the most powerful entertainment companies on Earth, with TV shows such as this and pending small screen sagas Daredevil and Agent Carter, there's little wonder DC are fighting back with more helpings of Arrow, Gotham and The Flash. Can Agent Coulson and company win the lion's share of ratings? Well they're certainly going to have a good go with this latest run being the perfect teaser for next spring's blockbuster Avengers: Age of Ultron. This week Phil and the team attempt to utilise the freezing power of Donnie Gill, a lethal Moroccan-based individual fans may remember from series one episode, Seeds. The problem is, Simmons is caught in the crossfire.

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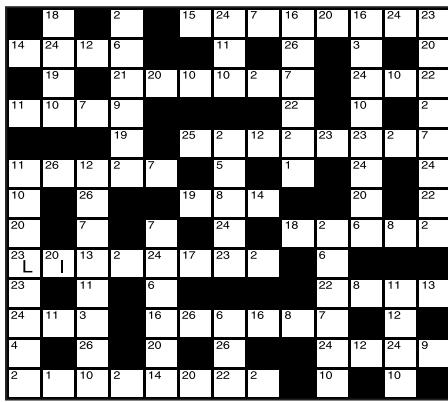
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

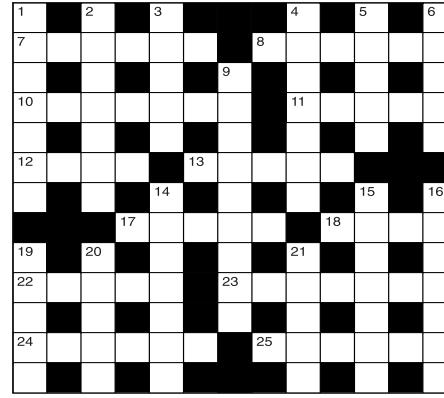
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

7. Go and attend to the break-down (6)
8. See 18 Across
- 10 & 15Dn. Not money put down on a bottle of cordial! (7,7)
11. Leguminous food often taken by the doctor (5)
12. The sailors shouted in triumph (4)
13. Sounds like those who pay for stock buildings (5)
17. See 24 Across
- 18 & 8Ac. Is this used to sew camping equipment? (4-6)
22. That education is, in part, much out of favour (5)
23. I'm soon upset by the start of the evidence - it's disgusting (7)
- 24 & 17Ac. Another look - that's what the clairvoyant needs (6-5)
25. Your humble servant (6)

Down

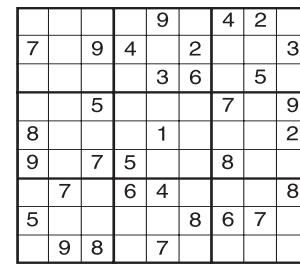
1. Unpleasant expression of a sullen expert (7)
2. Textile worker in revolutionary movement? (7)
3. Using a bit of stuff I break the thread (5)
4. Fastens down a broken plate in the ship (7)
5. See 20 Down
6. See 14 Down
9. Piece of stage property used by children (9)
- 14 & 6Dn. Screwing up the bed-cover - it goes round the body (7-5)
15. See 10 Across
- 16 & 19Dn. A competition for the highest position in the church? (12)
19. See 16 Down.
- 20 & 5Dn. Cattle even now quite unmoved (5-5)
21. School imposition for making rows! (5)
- 24
- 25

**Quick Clues:****Across**

7. Not liable to (6)
8. Concealed (6)
10. Voter (7)
11. Poetry (5)
12. Close (4)
13. Brief (5)
17. Collision (5)
18. Thin (4)
22. Frock (5)
23. Avenge (7)
24. Devastate (6)
25. Bits (6)

Down

1. Opposite (7)
2. Income (7)
3. Grudge (5)
4. Transform (7)
5. Centre (5)
6. Guide (5)
9. Band (9)
14. Forebode (7)
15. Charm (7)
16. Concentrated (7)
19. Worship (5)
20. Weighty (5)
21. Furnish (5)

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	2	7	6	9	1	5	3	8
1	3	9	7	5	8	4	6	2
6	8	5	3	4	2	9	1	7
2	4	3	1	7	5	8	9	6
7	5	8	4	6	9	3	2	1
9	1	6	2	8	3	7	4	5
5	6	4	9	1	7	2	8	3
8	9	2	5	3	6	1	7	4
3	7	1	8	2	4	6	5	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Relish; 4 Bottles; 8 Made man; 9 Rogue; 10 Need; 11 Medicine; 12 Pomp; 14 Luce; 16 Elephant; 17 Self; 20 Agent; 21 Mandate; 22 Stencil; 23 Press. Down: 1 Roman numerals; 2 Lodge; 3 Camer; 4 Banker; 5 Terminus; 6 Light; 7 Sock; 8 Shy; 9 Sympathetic; 13 Preced; 15 English; 18 Erase; 19 Snap.
QUICK - Across: 1 Flood; 4 Decline; 8 Unwasp; 9 Lawyer; 10 Torn; 11 Stealing; 13 Earful; 16 Elmer; 16 Slanders; 17 Main; 20 Evade; 21 Overdue; 22 Sweater; 23 Strut. Down: 1 Faultlessness; 2 Occur; 3 Dead; 4 Deputy; 5 Cupable; 6 Invoice; 7 Enlightenment; 12 Gradient; 13 Emanate; 15 Ardour; 18 Adder; 19 Less.

Quiz

1. Which planet features the Great Red Spot?
2. How are the Nicaraguan right-wing guerrillas known?
3. Which element is named after the Greek for violet?
4. Which former PM secured the release of three hostages in Iraq?
5. How many parts comprise the book Gulliver's Travels?
6. Of which Dickens novel is Pip the central character?
7. What is the Italian word for 'scratched drawings'?
8. In which city is Holyrood House?
9. How many yards are there in a furlong?
10. In Greek legend, who cut the Gordian Knot?

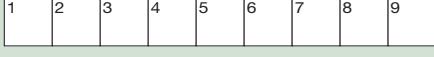
Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Zoltan Kodaly; 2 Jamestown;
3 Sweden and Denmark; 4 Winston
Churchill; 5 Backbone; 6 Lyon; 7 I Ching
8 Frank Herbert; 9 Zimbabwe; 10 Pancreas.

Niner**Niner**

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

983 gives an animal,
23576 gives a bird,
1459366 gives another bird.

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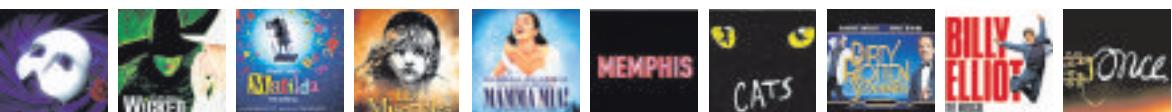
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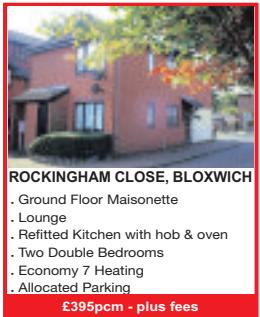
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- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Four double bedrooms & one single bedroom
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Spacious breakfast kitchen & utility
- Bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Beautiful landscaped corner plot gardens
- Garage and driveway

£325,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



**ESSINGTON
SHERRINGHAM DRIVE**

- Superb greatly improved link detached property
- Corner plot position
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Driveway
- Carport and garage
- Side and rear gardens

£190,000

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ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE		ESSINGTON KINGS CHASE		ESSINGTON KINGS CHASE																						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive and impeccably appointed detached with Garage Floor to ceiling fitted wardrobes L shaped open plan lounge & dining room Superb refitted breakfast kitchen Family/living room • Utility Two Double Bedrooms • En-Suite Double glazing • Gas central heating room Double glazing • Gas central heating room Long driveway • Pleasant gardens 	£365,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brand New Stunning Spacious Detached Entrance Hall • Guests Cloaks/WC Large Lounge • Dining Room/Study Beautifully Appointed Kitchen/Dining Area Four Excellent Bedrooms, Two En-suites En-Suite Bathrooms/WC Two Car Garage, Parking Good Sized Gardens 	£367,995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brand New Beautifully appointed detached family home Entrance Hall • WC • Lounge Large Kitchen/Dining/Family Room Utility Four Excellent Bedrooms, Two En-suites En-Suite Bathrooms/WC Two Car Garage, Parking Good Sized Gardens 	£334,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spacious period end terraced property Two reception rooms Large Kitchen • Dining Room Five bedrooms • Shower room Utility Two Bathrooms Two En-Suite Shower Rooms Family Bathroom • Integral Garage Driveway • Gardens 	£175,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb impressively appointed extended semi-detached Large lounge/diner Large kitchen/diner Five bedrooms • Shower room Utility with wc Three double bedrooms Double glazing • Gas central heating Block paved driveway No chain 	£154,995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superbly impressively appointed extended semi-detached Large lounge/diner Large kitchen/diner Conservatory • Dining kitchen Bathroom • En-Suite shower room Double glazing • Gas CH Garage • Driveway Gardens • No chain 	£140,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive Mid town house Three good size bedrooms Hall with wc Spacious lounge Conservatory • Dining room Superb breakfast kitchen Diner/Lounge Three bedrooms Stunning bathroom Double glazing • Gas CH Garage • Driveway Gardens • No chain 	£140,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive extended modern semi-detached property Two Reception rooms Two Bathrooms Spacious lounge with dining area Superb breakfast kitchen Conservatory Three bedrooms Stunning bathroom Double glazing • Gas CH Garage • Driveway Landscaped rear garden 	£125,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional style detached property Hall Living room • Dining room Kitchen Three bedrooms Stunning bathroom Large front & Rear Gardens No chain Majority double glazing 	£125,000									
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WILLENHALL YALE ROAD		SHORT HEATH TENNYSON ROAD		PORTOBELLO VAUGHAN ROAD		WILLENHALL TILDESLEY DRIVE		BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE		WILLENHALL ROSEHILL		WILLENHALL LICHFIELD ROAD		WILLENHALL ALBION ROAD												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern Mid Town House Hall • Guests WC Large lounge Improved Dining Kitchen Two Bedrooms • Bathrooms Double Glazing Gas Central Heating Parking Space • Gardens 	OFFERS OVER £115,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive End Terrace Property Hall • Lounge Two Double Bedrooms Refitted Kitchen Two Good Size Bedrooms Three Good Size Bathrooms Refitted Shower Room Gas Central Heating Delightful Rear Gardens Block Paved Driveway 	£115,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much improved traditional town house Two bedrooms Gas central heating • Double Glazing Refitted breakfast kitchen Refitted bathroom with shower Superb PVC double glazed conservatory Brick built garage with parking Generous rear garden Block paved driveway 	£109,950	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid terraced property in popular location with No Chain Two double bedrooms Large lounge Large kitchen Conservatory Double glazing Gas central heating Front and rear gardens 	£100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi detached property in popular location with No Chain Two double bedrooms Large lounge Dining kitchen Conservatory Double glazing • Gas central heating Garage to the rear Front and rear gardens 	£99,950	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved period style mid terraced property with No Chain Three bedrooms Large lounge Dining room Refitted kitchen Conservatory Double glazing Pleasant rear garden 	OFFERS OVER £90,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Semi Detached Hall Large lounge Kitchen Ground Floor Bedroom Two First Floor BedRooms Large Refitted Bathroom Large Gardens No Chain 	£80,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period Mid Terrace in Convenient Location Large Dining Room Large Dining Kitchen Two Bedrooms Large Refitted Bathroom Gas Central Heating Rear Gardens No Chain 	£79,950											

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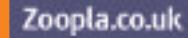
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**BLOXWICH
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- EXTENDED TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY PLEASANTLY POSITIONED OFF FIELD ROAD
- SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS LIVING ACCOMMODATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS

£144,950 OFFERS

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EPC: D

REDUCED

**BEECHDALE, WALSALL
REMINGTON ROAD**

- WELL EQUIPPED FITTED KITCHEN
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- A LOVELY FAMILY HOME OF WHICH INTERNAL VIEWING IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £90,000

MANAGERS CHOICE



EPC: D

**LEAMORE
COPE STREET**

- THREE BEDROOM END TERRACED STYLE PROPERTY CONVENIENTLY LOCATED WITH GOOD LINKS TO WALSALL AND BLOXWICH TOWN CENTRES
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING VIA AGENT!

£72,500

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EPC: F

**PELSALL
OLD TOWN LANE**

- CHARMING VICTORIAN STYLE END TERRACED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN POPULAR PELSALL VILLAGE LOCATION
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £130,000

EPC: F

**BLOXWICH, WALSALL
HARRISON STREET**

- VICTORIAN STYLE TERRACE IN CONVENIENT LOCATION NEAR TO BLOXWICH HIGH STREET
- SPACIOUS THROUGH LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE!!

£94,995 OFFERS

NEW

EPC: C

**BLOXWICH
ABINGDON WAY**

- PLEASANT CORNER POSITIONED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO RELATED CHAIN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE AND KITCHEN
- LOVELY MAINTAINED GARDENS
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED!!

£96,950 OFFERS

EPC: D

**BLOXWICH
ODELL ROAD**

- TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN POPULAR AND CONVENIENT LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS

£99,950 OFFERS

NEW PRICE

EPC: D

**BEECHDALE, WALSALL
HADLEY WAY**

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WITH GARAGE TO THE REAR
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS

£94,950

EPC: E

**LEAMORE, WALSALL
BEATRICE STREET**

- TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR TO GREEN LANE, WALSALL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

£84,950 OFFERS

EPC: E

**REEDSWOOD, WALSALL
PARKVIEW CRESCENT**

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SHOWER ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- LOUNGE AND DINING AREAS
- EXTENDED KITCHEN

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £125,000

EPC: C

**BLOXWICH
GLASTONBURY CRECENT**

- PLEASANT THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME PURCHASERS
- LARGE FULL WIDTH FITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND COOKER
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED!!

£97,500 OFFERS

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- Five Bedroom Detached Dormer Bungalow
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- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

Monthly Rental Of £1,000

Pool Hayes Lane, Willenhall

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Master Bedroom/Ensuite
- Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Large Utility

Monthly Rental Of £995

Woodall Street, Walsall

- Four Bed Detached
- Fitted Kitchen
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Monthly Rental Of £750

Castings Close, Walsall

- NEW BUILD
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- GUEST WC
- LOUNGE/DINER
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS

Monthly Rental Of £695

Castings Close, Walsall

- NEW BUILD
- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- GUEST WC
- LOUNGE/DINER
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS

Monthly Rental Of £750

Broad Lane, Walsall

- Immaculate Two Bedroom Mid Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Decking Area
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DSS, Pets or Smokers
- Large storage Shed

Monthly Rental Of £595

Bader Road, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Front & Rear
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom with Shower
- Front & Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £550

Green Lane, Walsall

- Three Bed Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Brand New Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Area
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

Monthly Rental Of £525

Squires Grove, Willenhall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Large Lounge Double Doors
- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

Monthly Rental Of £525

Goscote Lane, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge with Double Doors
- Fitted Kitchen & Family Bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted. Sorry No Pets

Monthly Rental Of £525

Stuart Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom / Separate WC
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £525

Hollemeadow Avenue, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £495

Buckingham Drive, Willenhall

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £495

Valley Road, Walsall

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £495

Pendlebury Close, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking / Shared Garden
- Sorry No DSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £495

Ashfield Close, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge with Patio Doors to Rear
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Sorry No DSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £475.00

West Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted. Sorry No Pets

Monthly Rental Of £475

West Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Mid - Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted.. Sorry No Pets

Monthly Rental Of £475

Terrel Close, Walsall

- One Bedroom Part Furnished Apartment
- Lounge with French Doors
- Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Bathroom with Shower over Bath
- Allocated Parking
- Sorry No DSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £435

Wednesbury Road, Walsall

- One Bedroom Flat
- Above Retail Premises
- Fully Refurbished
- White Goods Included
- Lounge/Kitchen

Monthly Rental Of £430

Bloxwich Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted
- NO REFERENCING FEES :::

Monthly Rental Of £425

Ely Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
- Family Bathroom
- Fitted Wardrobes to Both Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

Monthly Rental Of £425

Harrison Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £400

High Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Two Floor Flat above Retail Premises
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing & Electric Heating

Monthly Rental Of £400

Bloxwich Road, Walsall

- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

Monthly Rental Of £380

Harrison Street, Walsall

- One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Open Plan Kitchen & Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £350

Harrison Street, Walsall

- One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating and Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £300

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Bridge Road
Walsall



- Modern Style Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
- Energy Rating C, Double Glazed
- Double Glazed As Stated

Viewing:

NEW



- Gas Central Heating System
- Gated Parking
- Upvc Double Glazing Throughout, Modern Bathroom & Good Size Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £92,500

Drayton Street
Walsall



- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC Rating E
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

Viewing:

NEW



- Kitchen
- First Floor Bathroom/WC
- Enclosed 'Low Maintenance' Rear Garden, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000

Highgate Road
Walsall



- Traditional Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms & Three Reception Rooms
- Additional Bedroom/Studio
- EPC Rating E, Two Bathrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £129,950

Maple Drive
Walsall



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Through Lounge & Conservatory
- Energy Rating E, Kitchen & Reception Hallway

OFFERS AROUND: £150,000

Wood Common Grange
Walsall



- Detached Family Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Energy Rating D, Large Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: £225,000

Viewing:

REDUCED

Allens Lane
Walsall



- Traditional Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms & Loft Room
- Through Reception Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £104,950

Viewing:

Dale Street
Walsall



- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Energy Rating: TBC, Ground Floor Bedroom

OFFERS AROUND: £75,000

Viewing:

Primley Avenue
Walsall



- Extended End Terrace Property
- Four Bedrooms & Loft Room
- Through Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
- EPC Rating D, Sitting Room & Utility Room

OFFERS AROUND: £140,000

Viewing:

Blakenall Lane
Walsall



- Semi Detached Property
- Off Street Parking
- Three Bedrooms
- EPC Rating D, Upstairs Shower Room

OFFERS AROUND: £79,950

Viewing:

Newbridge Crescent
Wolverhampton



- 4 Bedroom Detached House
- 2 Reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs wc

OFFERS AROUND: £335,000

Viewing:

NEW

Milestone Way
Willenhall



- Coppice Farm Estate
- 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Porch and Hall
- Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £200,000

Viewing:

Hawkswell Drive
Willenhall



- 1 Bedroom back to back house
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £55,000

Viewing:

PUBLIC NOTICE



Willenhall Road
345b Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 2JR. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £61,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place

Crab Lane
Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Detached house
- Fantastic potential
- 1870 sq yards plot
- Large driveway

OFFERS AROUND: £345,000

Viewing:

Lauderdale Gardens
Wolverhampton



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached house
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £60,000

Viewing:

Redwood Road
Bilston



- Modern 3 bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £137,500

Viewing:

NEW

Hadley Road
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- Requires modernisation
- No upward chain
- 2 Reception rooms

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000

Viewing:

Portway Road
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- Land to side and rear
- Entrance porch and hall
- Lounge/diner

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000

Viewing:

Loxdale Sidings
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom townhouse
- Master bedroom and en-suite
- Lounge
- Modern kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000

Viewing:

Himley Close
Bilston



- 4 Bedroom Detached Modern House
- Corner Plot and No Upward Chain
- Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £180,000

Viewing:

King Street
Bilston



- 3 bedroom detached house
- Complete refurbishment
- Downstairs shower room and wc
- Good size lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £190,000

Viewing:

Morcroft
Bilston



- Traditional Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating
- Extended To Side - Well Presented Accommodation

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000

Viewing:

NEW

Bean Drive
Tipton



- Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment
- Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating
- No Upward Chain - Security Entrance Doors
- 2 bedrooms, epc C

OFFERS AROUND: £80,000

Viewing:

Groveland Road
Tipton



- Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment
- Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating
- Security Entrance Doors - No Upward chain
- 2 bedrooms, epc C

OFFERS AROUND: £67,500

Viewing:

PUBLIC NOTICE



David Road
Notice of Offer: 14 David Road, DY4 0NT. We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £80,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Agents Address: 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, DY4 0NT, 0121 522 3733 before exchange of contracts.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Scott Street
Paul Dubberley Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £184,950 for 67 Scott Street, Tipton, DY4 7AF. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Paul Dubberley Estate Agents, 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, DY4 7HF, 0121 522 3733 before exchange of contracts.

St Marks Road
Tipton

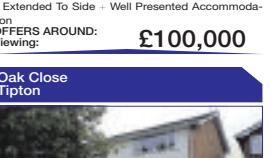


- Split Level Second Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating - No Upward Chain
- Ideal Buy To Let Investment
- 3 bedrooms, epc C

OFFERS AROUND: £30,000

Viewing:

Oak Close
Tipton



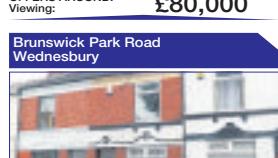
- Superb First Floor Flat
- Upvc Double glazing - No Upward Chain
- Improved Accommodation
- epc: Ideal first time purchase or buy to let investment

OFFERS AROUND: £57,950

Viewing:

NEW

Brunswick Park Road
Wednesbury



- Traditional Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Loft Room
- EPC Rating Awaited, Two Reception Rooms

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000

Viewing:

Lyndhurst Road
West Bromwich



- Semi Detached Property
- Popular Residential Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Upstairs Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £145,000

Viewing:

Goldby Drive
Wednesbury



- Upper Floor Apartment
- Spacious Accommodation
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £79,950

Viewing:

Hydes Road
West Bromwich



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating TBC, Downstairs WC

OFFERS AROUND: £132,500

Viewing:

Rayford Drive
West Bromwich



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating TBC, Offering Tremendous Potential

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Viewing:

Church Vale
West Bromwich



- Modern Style Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Parking To Rear

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000

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Infiniti's charge on market

By Graham Breeze

Infiniti sold very few cars in the UK last year but you can expect to see a lot more on our roads with the arrival of a turbocharged petrol version of the Q50 premium sports saloon.

For the confused readers Infiniti is Nissan's up-market offering – the same relationship as Lexus has to Toyota.

And if you haven't seen one on the road you will have seen the name splashed across the side of the Red Bull F1 team – which means the company is serious about exposure.

The Q50 is a mid-size, rear-drive saloon launched to take the opposition head-on at

BMW, Audi and Mercedes. And that's going to be no easy task.

The Japanese luxury car producer is determined to increase market share in the next year and the Q50 is set to become their best seller.

It is already available with a 2.2-litre diesel engine or a direct response 3.5-litre petrol/electric hybrid drivetrain.

And there are three trim levels for the diesel models – SE, Premium and Sport, with the Hybrid available in one, fully equipped form only.

The Infiniti may be a rare sight on our roads at the moment but the new petrol option will appeal to a new customer base.

It oozes style and a new lightweight 4-cylinder turbocharged petrol engine now gives performance to match, thanks to 208hp and 258lb/ft (350Nm) of torque via a 7-speed automatic transmission.



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'This model handles like a dream on motorways or on country roads, roars when you want it to and is agile enough.'
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It gets Euro 5 certified technology and an impressive throttle response that gives an astonishing top speed of 152mph and 0-62mph in 7.5seconds.

You can expect to get over 40mpg on the combined cycle and the car emits 151g/km of CO2 in sport form.

This model handles like a dream on motorways or on country roads, roars when you want it to and is agile enough to be competitive in the sector.

Wood and leather have been used extensively inside to provide a superb cabin area which is dominated by two big colour

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New style details and equipment for Prius+

By Matt Joy

Prius+, Europe's market-leading seven-seat hybrid MPV, is being re-groomed for 2015 with new styling details, equipment features and colour choices. The first major changes for Prius+ since launch in 2012 give the car a stronger look that takes up Toyota's latest design cues.

The revised front-end features a new upper grille and a more prominent Toyota badge that extends the forward line of the bonnet. There are new LED headlights, too, which use a cylindrical projector for both high and low beam. Their slim profile and contrasting black and chrome plating give Prius+ a distinctive sharp-eyed appearance.

The lower grille adopts the trapezoid shape that's a common feature of the latest Toyota models. With a gloss black metallic finish, it adds emphasis to the car's broad stance. The impression of width is reinforced by a re-working of the bumper corners, given extra emphasis in a flowing form that extends from the headlights to the new air intakes and LED daytime running lights.

At the rear there's a new combination lamp design with "light guide" treatment and red inner lenses that give the car an individual lighting signature. Following the styling themes adopted at the front, there is a new licence plate trim and bumper with an integrated diffuser.

In Europe, two new body colours will be available: Dark Sherry metallic and Attitude Black mica (details of UK colours will be announced later).

Changes in the cabin include a dark silver metallic finish for the driver's switchgear and the air conditioning dial control and a chrome finish for the door handles.

There are two new chrome-trimmed, slim-line air vents in the centre console and a new 4.2-inch colour TFT information screen, controlled using switchgear on the steering wheel.

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As well as basic information such as clock, trip indicator, cruising range fuel consumption, the screen also displays the Hybrid System Indicator and Energy monitor – features common to all Toyota hybrids. It also provides a new "Eco Judge" function, designed to help the driver maximise the powertrain's efficiency, giving a points score for their eco-driving style.

The screen will also mirror the settings for the air conditioning and audio settings, keeping them in the driver's line of sight when on the move.

The 2015 Prius+ is fitted as standard with the Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system, including touch-screen control, Bluetooth and reversing camera. This can be upgraded – Toyota Touch 2 with Go – to provide additional satellite navigation, live traffic information and, via Toyota's online portal, an expanded range of connected services, text-to-speech function and 3D city modelling with landmark graphics.

The equipment upgrade extends to the availability of electric seat adjustment, a front centre armrest and Intelligent Park Assist.

Safety features have also been improved with the introduction of an emergency brake signal, which triggers all side indicators in the event of sudden braking. Hill-start Assist Control is automatically activated when the car detects an uphill gradient.

Toyota has also improved Prius+ ride and handling, making adjustments to the suspension damping force. New sound absorption material has been introduced in the side of the rear compartment to reduce noise intrusion in the cabin.

The hybrid powertrain has been upgraded to comply with Euro6 emissions standards.

Full details of the UK model range, specifications and prices will be announced nearer the on-sale date.

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For further information, please contact Colin Jackson on 0121 678 8620.

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Mike Lloyd, a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency.

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AT: PLOT 1 (FORMER BUILDERS MERCHANT YARD), GREEN LANE, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WS9 0LN

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Flanagan double enough for victory

**Port Vale Res 0
Walsall Res 2**

REECE FLANAGAN scored both goals and Sam Mantom played for an hour as Walsall reserves claimed victory at Port Vale.

Midfielder Flanagan scored in the 32nd minute to put a strong Saddlers line-up ahead in Burslem and then sealed victory in the Final Development League Cup game with another 18 minutes from time.

Aside from the win, manager Dean Smith will be most pleased by Mantom coming through his first serious action of the season unscathed.

The 22-year-old was a stoppage-time substitute in Tuesday night's 1-0 defeat at Crawley in his first appearance since suffering a knee injury in the summer.

Walsall's reserve line-up also included Liam Kinsella, Dean Holden and Billy Clifford along with trialist Craig Fagan.

"Our application and attitude was first-class," said second-string boss, Richard O'Kelly.

"Port Vale fielded a young side but they were very competitive and made us work hard. We had the majority of possession and chances and were deserved winners in the end."

Tolley bad luck for Olympic

**FC Man Utd 1
Rushall Olympic 0**

RUSHALL Olympic suffered a third successive defeat within a week.

An unfortunate Mitchell Tolley own goal after 69 minutes was enough to separate the two sides and give the hosts three points in the Evo-Stik Premier clash.

Luke Barlone had the first shot of the game after two minutes but was well off target.

The Pies striker then almost fortuitously put his team in front after he blocked Chris Lynch's clearance but the ball dropped just wide of goal.

FC United went ahead after Craig Lindfield's free-kick was inadvertently turned into his own net by the luckless Tolley.

Scott Cheetham received a caution either side of the goal, first for grappling with Lee Hildreth and then for not retreating for a free-kick to see Rushall play the last 15 minutes against 10 men.

Wellington boot Lockmen

**Wellington Amateurs 2
Willenhall 0**

WILLENHALL dropped into the West Midlands Premier relegation zone after losing at Wellington Amateurs.

The strangely lethargic Lockmen never hit top gear and had conceded two early chances it was no surprise when they conceded on 35 minutes when they allowed Louis Jones a free header.

Wellington stretched their lead when a 66th-minute break caught the visiting defence out and Gabriel Pavulik fired home. Lockmen face Blidworth Welfare FA Vase 1st round 3pm kick-off on November 1.

Walsall take the fight to Pitmen

Walsall Wood 2 Hednesford Town 1

BOTH sides braved the elements to turn in an exciting cup tie, with Wood throwing the form book out of the window as they disposed of their visitors, three levels above the Wood, but the victory was certainly no fluke.

The Pitmen put the Wood defence under immediate pressure but it took 11 minutes for them to craft a clear cut chance, Jamie Osborne in on goal, keeper Dale Faultless racing from his line to make a brave full length block.

Skipper Darren Campion was in the thick of things for the Pitmen and on 21 minutes he went through three tackles on the left of the box only to be forced wide by Lee Stretton, his low near post cross easily cleared.

On 36 minutes Harry Harris delivered a left wing corner beyond the far post, Stretton headed the ball back across goal and Taylor couldn't make the final contact.

Then Steven Hayles broke up a right wing attack and found Corey Curritters' first time effort from 40 yards picked up pace off the wet surface and flew wide.

Two minutes into the second half Campion popped up wide on the left, cut inside and from the left of the box curled an effort inches wide of the far post.

Wood went ahead on 53 minutes, a ball forward just right of centre saw Taylor out-muscle one defender before running away from another as he raced into the right of the box, calmly burying the ball past the advancing Price to put the home side ahead. The goal subdued the Pitmen

for a few minutes, but on 63 Osborne collected a ball wide right, ran across the face of the box, his low drive charged down by the hard working Wood defence.

Four minutes later Jamie Crowther ran from halfway before releasing Duggin into the right of the box, only for Stretton to stop him in his tracks with a superbly timed tackle.

Duggin collected a long ball out wide right, his far post cross headed weakly goalwards by Tom Peers, Faultless with an easy save. Ten minutes later a break down the Pitmen's left saw Campion's shot charged down, another effort was blocked, before Tom Thorley's low drive brought a full length save from Faultless.

A minute later Osborne raced into the left of the box, his low drive stopped at full length by the keeper, who quickly reacted to

collect the loose ball, as attackers raced in. Wood sewed the game up on 85 minutes, Tom Evans played the ball inside to Max Black on the right edge of the box, he calmly drew defenders to him before unselfishly sliding the ball into the path of Drew Aiton who calmly made space and rolled in number two.

On 90 minutes yet another long high ball into the Wood six-yard box saw the ball seemingly hold up in the wind. Peers shielding the ball from Faultless before forcing it home from close range.

Wood comfortably played out the five minutes of added time.

Wood made seven changes from Saturday's starting line up, but still turned in a scintillating performance, they deserved the win and the Pitmen can have no complaints.

Martial artists are in the medals

THREE representatives from Walsall Elite Martial Arts put up a good showing at the Tae Kwon Do North Midlands Championships in Derby.

Instructor Emily-Jane Arms missed a place in the final by one point to enter, winning a Bronze in the ladies heavyweight individual sparring division. She improved her form into the ladies tag team final winning Gold.

Tim Sheward dominated his individual sparring division winning Gold in the men's blue belt division, beating the current world champion in the semi-finals. Jashanpreet Magar entered his first championship at the North Midlands, where he fought well to get to the final.

Jashanpreet won Silver medal in the boys red belt spring division.

Walsall EMA continued their success even further north of the border as Aryan Singh was the sole representative flying the flag in Glasgow at the Scottish Championships.

Singh was able to claim double Gold in both the boy's red belt patterns and point stop sparring divisions.

The team are all focusing on the British Championships November.

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Wulfs bring Blox down with a bang

Old Wulfs 5 Bloxwich 1

BLOXWICH went into their third game of the season confident following their first two convincing wins of the season but were humbled by a clinical Old Wulfs attack who were impressive in front of the Bloxwich goal.

Bloxwich started off the stronger team but could not convert.

Old Wulfs broke away quickly and took an early lead, much to the surprise of the Bloxwich defence.

After Old Wulfs got another on the break away, Matt Baldwin got one back but this turned out to be merely a consolation goal as Old Wulfs continued to break away quickly and take a commanding lead.

Bloxwich never gave up pressing towards the Old Wulfs goal with many chances being created but none being placed into the Old Wulfs goal.

Bloxwich can take a lot of positives from the game.

Students' big day at Banks's

STUDENTS from Chase View Primary School, Rugeley acted as ball boys for Walsall Football club's League 1 match v Chesterfield at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday.

The day began with a two hour training session and match on the artificial pitch run by the coaches from Walsall's Community team.

As this match was taking place on the special 'Kick it Out' day to raise awareness of racism in football, the children got to meet all of the players and hold up special Kick it Out banners. Then led out by Rhys Williams from Year 5 they welcomed the teams onto the field.

Football

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Lye-te goal snatches the win from Wood

Lye Town 1 Walsall Wood 1

WOOD dominated the first half and should have been more than one goal ahead at the break.

They were in charge for 60 minutes before Town started to make any impression on the game. A late right wing free kick into injury time by substitute Ricky Anslow sailed over everyone and into the top corner to deny Wood a deserved victory.

Football

Craig Deakin headed a ball clear from the first attack of the game, Harry Harris quickly played a ball through the centre for Drew Aiton to run on to, his first-time effort just over the right angle.

On 13 minutes Deakin raced from halfway, found Aiton to his left, he chipped the ball over a static defence for Max Black whose first-time lob landed on the roof of the net.

Town's first effort came on 17 minutes, Damien Whitcombe running from halfway his ball into the box was flicked on by Ben Jenkins, his low drive taken at full stretch by Mario Kisiel.

Harris won possession on halfway, his incisive through-ball was collected at pace by Leon Taylor, Sam Hill stopping him to the expense of a right wing corner, Harris delivered the ball to the near post and Aiton's snap shot was inches wide.

Wood went ahead six minutes later, Deakin again powering forward from half-way before playing a ball to his left for Ben Evans.

He held the ball up cleverly, before hitting a diagonal cross into the left of the box to Aiton, who fired the ball across the keeper and into the far post.

Four minutes later a line ball wide left by James

Smith tells players to hold their heads up in defeat



Walsall's new loan signing Michael Cain gets in among the action at Crawley

Crawley 1 Walsall 0

WALSALL boss Dean Smith today told his players to hold their heads high despite falling to a third straight defeat.

Conor Henderson's 89th minute free-kick condemned the Saddlers to a 1-0 loss at Crawley last week.

But Smith branded the performance as "outstanding" after seeing his side dominate for long periods but fail to take their chances.

"It was an outstanding performance," said Smith. "As an attacking

force we created chances and all we have to do is put them in the back of the net.

"There are a lot of players with their heads down and I told them to get their heads up because the performance was very good.

"It's difficult to take because of the manner of their goal."

In a far better attacking display from the Saddlers, Anthony Forde and Romaine Sawyers were guilty of shooting wide from good positions in the first half. Adam Chambers and

James Chambers were then both off target from close range in the second period while Crawley keeper Jamie Ashdown saved twice from Sawyers and Paul Downing poked wide from six yards out.

"It was not frustrating because I thought we were excellent and I have told the lads that, they were outstanding," added Smith.

"The only thing we didn't do was take our chances when they came along and we have been undone cruelly by a free-kick."

Clarke Leeds by example and fires home

Leeds 1 Wolves 2

SATURDAY'S match winner at Elland Road was only Leon Clarke's second goal in 21 games since his £750,000 return to Molineux from Coventry in January, 16 substitute appearances making that record decidedly patchier.

But Clarke's first Championship goal since putting Preston 2-0 up in a 2-2 draw at Watford on February 25, 2011 – and his first for Wolves at this level since a brace in a 3-1 home win against Southend on November 4, 2006 – was arguably his most important.

And while Clarke's winner ended the 32-day tenure of Darki Milanic and in doing so eclipsing Brian Clough's 44 days as the shortest-serving Leeds boss amid the chaotic reign of controversial Italian owner Massimo Cellino – Wolves marched on.

It crowned what more than one player said was Wolves' best second-half performance of the season.

And the ease of his classic poacher's effort – a tap-in from all of three yards –

was contrasted by his huge workrate from which he deserved his reward for a tireless performance after coming off the bench at half-time.

Wolves' second win in five days put them third but joint top of the table on points behind Derby and Watford, who both failed to win.

It was also the 11th game out of 14 for Jackett's side so far this season which has been settled by a goal or less.

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Henry had Wolves' other effort with a shot held at the second attempt by Silvestri.

But Leeds led through Mirco Antenucci's 20-yarder in the 19th minute that crept in off the post. That came after Steve Mori-

squared from the right.

The 31-year-old had earlier had Carl Ikeme flinging himself across goal to beat out a cross shot from which Alex Mowatt drilled into the side netting.

Six minutes after the first goal Leeds should have made it 2-0 but Alex Mowatt could only fire straight at Ikeme with the goal at his mercy.

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Sub Rajiv Van La Parra somehow missed Henry's cross but the Dutchman started the move for Clarke's winner.

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We must win – Chambers

CAPTAIN Adam Chambers has urged Walsall to ensure Saturday's win over Chesterfield is a turning point in their season.

The win ended a three-game losing run and moved the Saddlers out of the League One relegation zone.

Chambers acknowledges much still needs to be done before the campaign is turned around and is eager for them to now kick on and follow the performance up when they visit Notts County this weekend.

"We are hoping Saturday is going to be the turning point for the season and we can start kicking on now," he said.

"We feel that we are in a bit of a false position – we've been a bit inconsistent but with some of the performances we've put in, we feel we should be higher up the table. But you've got to win games."

Bloxwich shut out by stronger Eccleshall

Bloxwich RFC 1st XV 0 Eccleshall RFC 48
BLOXWICH faced a tough challenge travelling away to second placed Eccleshall, who have only lost once this season and scored 210 points in five matches.

Missed tackles in the Bloxwich 22 allowed the opponent's winger to touch down in the corner for the first score of the game.

From the restart Bloxwich turned over the opponent's possession, and with some straight running pressured Eccleshall into conceding a penalty.

D Palmer stepped up for Bloxwich and went close despite a stiff cross wind. This

Rugby

opportunity repeated itself five minutes later with Palmer yet again going close.

Sensing that they had been let off the hook, Eccleshall put the ball behind Bloxwich and pressured the defence into errors which lead to them extending their lead to 10-0 with a well worked try in the corner again.

Undeterred Bloxwich were strong with their ball retention and territorial advantage but were being let down by the final

A Lye-te goal

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Side lose battle of Potteries

Stoke 22 Walsall 14

WALSALL returned pointless from the Potteries as late scores deprived them of a bonus point.

Both teams made errors

during the opening minute, a pattern that was often repeated during the match.

It was, however, a game of fluctuating fortunes. The hosts dominated the first 15 minutes and scored two tries.

Winger Sant and flanker Logan finished off attacks covering 50 metres. Rowley's conversion established an early 12-0 lead. But then, Walsall began to get control of the game with Halbert, Hickman, Benson and Ahmadani making good ball carries.

They eventually secured lineout possession inside the Stoke 22 and then produced a superb drive which resulted in Dickson getting the touchdown.

The visitors were soon pressing at the start of the second half and this resulted in Stoke conceding penalties.

The hosts broke away to score two more tries. Logan got his second, and No.8 Hubbard secured a late bonus point touchdown.

Campbell brace helps the win

Sporting Khalsa 5 Wellington 1

SPORTING Khalsa kept pace with league frontrunners Bridgnorth with a 5-1 win over Wellington.

Goals from Lee Wherton, Brad Lawley, Marvin Nisbett and a Nicky Campbell brace were enough to see off the visitors from Herefordshire.

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BRADSHAW IS HERO OF HOUR

Walsall 1 Chesterfield 0

SO the Andy Butler 'jinx' is laid to rest – but the new question looms: What about the Tom Bradshaw 'curse'?

On Butler's loan return last month, much was made of the statistics that the Saddlers had failed to win a league game without him in the side since 2010.

Especially when his comeback coincided with an upturn in results, his first game just happening to be Walsall's first league win of the season over Preston.

When Butler went back to Yorkshire last week, the jinx reared its ugly head again as the struggling Saddlers somehow contrived to lose a game they completely dominated at Crawley.

But it was finally put to bed against Chesterfield, as Walsall's three-game losing streak, as they eased any pressure boss Dean Smith might have been feeling by climbing out of the bottom four.

Talisman

And that was thanks chiefly to the man fast establishing himself as Butler's replacement as Saddlers talisman – top scorer Bradshaw. His coolly-taken second-half winner moved the forward on to six goals in 12 appearances since his summer arrival, that one-in-two ratio all strikers crave.

And yet it's in his absence, that his influence is most clear – Walsall having registered one point and one solitary goal from the five games Bradshaw's missed with hamstring trouble.

Smith said after this game

he felt those statistics were coincidences but, if so, it's a pretty big one.

No doubt Bradshaw was the difference in this game, not just with the winning goal but his all-round contribution, far overshadowing Chesterfield's free-scoring hotshot Eoin Doyle.

While Doyle was kept quiet and looked disinterested for the most part, Bradshaw toiled, hustled, bustled, harried and bothered. And ultimately got his reward.

Bradshaw's strike came just past the hour mark to settle an entertaining and even contest that could have gone either way.

After neat build-up around the edges of the Chesterfield area, lively sub Anthony Forde's low pass was flicked into Bradshaw's path by loanee Michael Cain and he dinked a cool finish over Tommy Lee.

Bradshaw, in truth, should have been celebrating a brace, having missed a first-half sitter, heading straight at Lee from six yards but such is the striker's confidence he quickly put that out of his mind.



Saddlers striker Tom Bradshaw slams in the winning goal against Chesterfield



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